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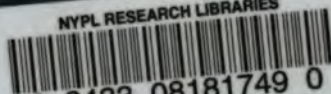
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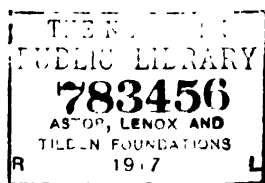
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**HON. WILLIAM ELWELL.** The annals of the bench and bar of Pennsylvania record no worthier, nobler life than that of the Hon. William Elwell. For twenty-six years he was president judge of the Twenty-sixth Judicial district of the State, being the representative of no political party, but of the people, and during that time he meted out justice with impartial hand. Few could cope with him in legal learning, and his record as a judge shows that in nearly every case in which his decision was appealed to a higher court the Supreme judges sustained his rulings.

Judge Elwell was a son of Dan and Nancy (Prentice) Elwell, and was born at Milltown, near Athens, Bradford Co., Pa., Oct. 9, 1808. He was a descendant of a prominent old family of Staffordshire, England. The first of the name to come to America was Robert Elwell, who, it is thought, came over in the ship "Griffin" with Governor Haynes and Rev. Thomas Hooker. Robert Elwell located at Salem, Mass., prior to 1635, but later settled at Eastern Point, Mass., where he died in 1683.

Jabez Elwell, great-grandfather of William Elwell, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, serving in the Dutchess county (N. Y.) militia under Colonel Ludenton. His son, John Elwell, was also an active participant in that great struggle, being among the men who, in answer to the "Lexington alarm," marched from Connecticut towns to the relief of Boston in April, 1775.

Dan Elwell, father of Judge Elwell, married Nancy Prentice, a daughter of Dr. Amos Prentice, who traced her lineage back through seven generations to Capt. Thomas Prentice, about 1620, who lived at Newton Center, Mass., and was formerly a soldier in the army of Cromwell. His death, at the age of ninety-

one, resulted from being thrown from a horse while going to church. Dr. Amos Prentice served as a surgeon in the Revolution and when New London, Conn., was destroyed by the British under Benedict Arnold he was forced to flee for his life, and removed with his family to Milltown, Pa., near Athens, residing there until his death.

Dan Elwell and his wife were the parents of six children.

William Elwell spent his early life in Milltown, receiving a good education at the Athens Academy, which he attended until nineteen years old, surveying being one of his studies. Soon after he was assistant to Chief Engineer Randall in running lines along the Susquehanna to locate a canal from the New York State line, which afterwards became the North Branch canal. Following this he taught school for three years and then began the study of law in the office of Horace Williston. His decision to become a lawyer was the outcome of his perusal of law books which belonged to an uncle of that profession, William Prentice, whose library came into the possession of his father. He made rapid advancement and was admitted to the bar in February, 1833, locating at Towanda and practicing successfully in partnership with his preceptor for sixteen years, when Mr. Williston was appointed judge of the Thirteenth Judicial district. In 1842 and 1843 Mr. Elwell was elected by the Democrats as a member of the Legislature. During his first term he was chairman of the Judiciary committee, which included in its membership Judges Gamble, Sharswood, Barrett, Hendrick B. Wright and Thaddeus Stevens. One of the monuments to his memory is the law abolishing imprisonment for debt, which was prepared by him, and to-day remains unchanged. In his second term he was

chairman of the committee on Ways and Means. In 1844 he declined a nomination for Congress, preferring his profession to politics. In 1866, after he became a judge, he yielded to the demands of his party with great reluctance, and accepted a nomination to Congress in the Twelfth district, then composed of Bradford, Columbia, Montour, Wyoming and Sullivan counties. Though defeated he polled a vote far in excess of his party ticket. He made no canvass for votes, and made but three speeches during the campaign, all of them outside of his judicial district.

As a lawyer Judge Elwell had few equals. His services were sought not only in Bradford, but in all the adjoining counties. In 1862 his reputation was such that when a vacancy on the bench of the Twenty-sixth district occurred, by the resignation of Judge Warren J. Woodward, a committee of the bar waited upon him and invited him to accept the nomination. He was elected, and so performed his duties that in 1872 he was re-elected, the other political party refusing to place a candidate in the field. In May, 1874, Wyoming and Sullivan counties were made the Forty-fourth district, and Columbia and Montour the Twenty-sixth, and he selected the latter as his jurisdiction. Upon his first election he moved to Bloomsburg. In April, 1871, he was chosen umpire to settle the disputes between miners and operators of the anthracite region. His decision was accepted by both sides and stood for many years as the wage scale. He was several times urged to allow the use of his name as a candidate for Supreme judge, and at other times for governor, but he declined. His second term nearly ended, the bar of the district unanimously signed a paper requesting him to accept the nomination for a third term, to which he consented, and he was elected without opposition, thus demonstrating how much better it is to select a judge from outside the district than to have the office made the object of a political scramble.

Many important cases were transferred from other counties to Columbia for trial before him, and it is estimated that he was called to other counties to hold special courts oftener than any other judge in the State. Ejectment cases involving title to coal lands worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, the Cameron will case from Union county, involving two million dollars, and the "Mollie Maguire" case, were among the celebrated trials before him. During his entire service but eight or nine cases he decided in the Common

Pleas were reversed, and in most of these the Supreme court reversed itself in reversing him. But one equity case was reversed, and none in the Oyer and Terminer, Quarter Sessions and Orphans' courts.

After twenty-six years on the bench Judge Elwell's health began to decline, and in 1888 he spent the winter in Florida by his physician's advice, but without relief. In July, 1889, six months after his illness began, he resigned the office. His extreme conscientiousness would not permit him to continue to draw a salary which he did not earn. There have been but few such instances in the State. He lived in retirement in Bloomsburg until Oct. 15, 1895, when he passed away after only two days' confinement to his bed, leaving to his family the legacy of a noble life well spent. Few men ever possessed the confidence and esteem of the public to a higher degree. On the day of his funeral places of business were closed as a token of respect. The services at St. Paul's Church were attended by a gathering that filled the church to the doors. The trustees of the Normal School, the town council, and the vestry of the church all passed memorial resolutions. His remains were taken to Towanda and interred in the family lot.

Though more than a quarter century has passed since he occupied the bench, it is still not an infrequent occurrence to hear him spoken of with admiration, and to hear the older residents say: "We ne'er shall look upon his like again." Upon his retirement a banquet was tendered him by the bar of the district which was attended by a large number of distinguished judges and lawyers. The attendance and the speeches made were such an honor as has seldom if ever been shown a judge in this State.

The Judge was one of the foremost citizens of the county in other matters than the courts, always active in all matters that pertained to the welfare of the community. In 1868 he was elected a trustee of the Normal School, and was president of that body from 1873 to 1891. He was a devoted member of the Episcopal Church. In 1881 he was appointed by Governor Hoyt a member of the Bi-centennial committee.

Judge Elwell was twice married, his first wife being Clemana Shaw, of Towanda, by whom he had three children: William, deceased; Clemana, who married P. H. Smith, of Plymouth, Wis., both deceased; and Horace, who died in infancy. This wife died, and in September, 1844, he married Mary

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Louise Thayer, of Watkins, N. Y., by whom he had the following children: Ephraim W., deceased; George E.; Mary Louise, deceased, who married N. U. Funk, of Bloomsburg; Martha T. and Robert, who died in childhood; and Charles P., of Bloomsburg.

GEORGE EDWARD ELWELL, second son of Hon. William and Mary Louise (Thayer) Elwell, was born in Towanda, Pa., Oct. 16, 1848. His ancestry on the paternal side is given in the biography of his father. On the maternal side his great-grandfathers, Baruch Thayer and John Ager, were both soldiers in the American army in the Revolution, so that four great-grandfathers and one great-great-grandfather were in the Patriot army during that war. His maternal grandfather, Col. E. Thayer, was a soldier in the War of 1812, and later a colonel of New York State militia.

Mr. Elwell was educated at the Susquehanna Collegiate Institute, at Towanda; Prof. G. R. Barker's school at Germantown, Philadelphia; the Bloomsburg Literary Institute; and Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., in the class of 1870, later receiving the degree of Master of Arts from that institution. Upon completing his college course he was elected assistant principal of the Fifth street school in Bloomsburg, then just opened. In January, 1872, he was made a member of the Normal school faculty, to teach English literature, German and French, remaining there until July, 1873, when he resigned to pursue his legal studies, which he had previously begun under his father's tuition. He was admitted to the bar of Columbia county Sept. 4, 1874, and at once formed a law partnership with Capt. C. B. Brockway, a prominent lawyer with an established practice. This continued for five years. They were counsel for several corporations, including the Lackawanna Railroad Company, Mr. Elwell continuing in that capacity until 1893. In 1877 they were among the seven counsel for the defense of Hester, Tully and McHugh, the Molly Maguires charged with the murder of Alexander Rea. After the conviction of these men, and when appeals to the Supreme court and the board of pardons had failed, Tully voluntarily made a written confession to Mr. Elwell, to be published at his request after the execution. It settled beyond question any doubt as to the guilt of these men.

On Oct. 1, 1875, Brockway and Elwell bought the *Columbian* printing office of H. L. Dieffenbach, and conducted it for four years

while still engaging in active law practice, Frank Cooley being the editor. The history of *The Columbian* appears in the article on newspapers. Mr. Elwell discontinued active law practice in 1893. He tried many important cases, among them being Cadow vs. the D. L. & W. R. R. Co.; the removal of the Bloomsburg School Board; and *Mercur vs. Patrick et al.*, in Sullivan county, involving title to valuable coal lands. All of these were carried to the Supreme court, and won for his clients.

In his boyhood Mr. Elwell began piano lessons, at the age of eleven, and continued them for about six years, including instruction on the pipe organ for two years. At various times he played the organ in a chapel at Mount Airy, was organist of Trinity College and the Church of the Incarnation, Hartford, Conn.; organist of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bloomsburg, for twenty years, and choirmaster for fifteen years longer. He has been president of several musical organizations, notably the Bloomsburg Choral Society, which gave some public entertainments of a high character. He also conducted and took part in a number of concerts for charitable purposes, but never for pay.

He was one of the organizers of the Philological Literary Society at the Normal school. While in college he was president of the Parthenon Literary Society, and of the athletic association, and member of the ball nine; college marshal; chairman of the Junior promenade committee; class historian; an editor of the college paper; member of a German and a theatrical club, and member of the Delta Psi fraternity. While a publisher he was a member of the State editorial association, and a delegate from that body to the national convention at Boston in 1890. He was a member of the executive committee of the State Democratic Editorial Association as long as that body existed.

In town matters Mr. Elwell showed his interest by membership in the town council in 1876-7-8. He was president of the Winona Fire Company in 1882; fire chief of the Bloomsburg fire department in 1883; member of the joint committee of the several fire companies that prepared the rules of the Bloomsburg fire department. In educational matters he was a trustee of the Normal school for fifteen years, has been a director of Bloom school district since 1909, and has been president of the alumni association of the Normal school since 1907. In church matters he was a vestryman of the Episcopal Church from 1878 to

1911, and frequently a delegate to the diocesan convention.

In business matters he was one of the original directors of the Bloomsburg Water Company; a director of the Gas Company, and of Oak Grove Association, and is now a director of the Industrial Building and Loan Association; a member of the corporation of the Hospital; a trustee of the Public Library; a member of the executive committee of the Civic League, and a member of the Historical Society. He was secretary of the Bar Association for thirty years, librarian of the Law Library for ten years, and secretary of the Bloomsburg Centennial committee in 1902. In January, 1915, he was elected president of the Bloomsburg Business Men's Association, to serve for one year.

As a toastmaster his services have been frequently sought after, notably at the banquets of the Normal alumni association; at the banquet given by the bar to Colonel Freeze in 1905, and at those of The Wheelmen club held annually for several years; and has been frequently called upon for after-dinner speeches on other occasions. In politics he was secretary of the Democratic county committee; delegate to county and State conventions; for three years a member of the State committee, and in several Presidential campaigns made speeches through the county.

In 1911 he was appointed by Judge Evans a member of a commission to investigate charges of unlawful practices in the procurement of liquor licenses in the county. The report of this commission after investigation was such that it will for a time at least prevent the recurrence of some practices that prevailed for years.

Mr. Elwell was married to Mary A. McKelvy, daughter of Isaiah W. and Elmira (Barton) McKelvy, Oct. 26, 1876. They have one son, G. Edward Elwell, Jr., who is in business with his father.

GEORGE EDWARD ELWELL, JR., son of George E. and Mary A. (McKelvy) Elwell, was born in Bloomsburg, Pa., April 19, 1886. He graduated at the Bloomsburg Normal School in 1905, and at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn., in 1909, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was prominent in many of the college activities, and a member of the Delta Psi fraternity. On graduation he entered business with his father in the Columbian Printing House, and so continues. When the Bloomsburg Business Men's Association was organized he was one of its most active members, and was its secretary for three years, declining

a reelection. He is active in Masonry, having taken all the Scottish Rite degrees in Caldwell Consistory, has been president of the Craftsman Club, Eminent Commander of Crusade Commandery, Knights Templar, and Master of Washington Lodge. Since 1912 he has taught two classes a day in French at the Normal school. He is recognized as one of Bloomsburg's most estimable young men. On his mother's side he is a great-grandson of William McKelvy and Caleb Barton, and grandson of I. W. McKelvy, all of whom were in their day among the most progressive and respected citizens of Columbia county. On Dec. 12, 1911, he was married to Miss Sara B. Milleisen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Milleisen, of Bloomsburg.

HON. WILLIAM TRENTON CREASY, one of the best known citizens of Columbia county, is entitled to a place among the most progressive men of the State of Pennsylvania. In his capacity of legislator he demonstrated some high ideals regarding his relations to his constituents which show his fitness for leadership, and his sense of responsibility as a public servant makes him worthy of the many honors which have come to him. His work in the Grange has made him very prominent among agriculturists, and the degree of confidence he has gained wherever known is sufficient evidence that he has lived up to the expectations of those who have intrusted important interests to him.

Mr. Creasy was born Feb. 23, 1856, in Catawissa township, Columbia county, where he still makes his home, son of Nathan Creasy and grandson of William Creasy. His first ancestors in America settled in New Jersey, coming from there to Columbia county, Pa., about one hundred and twenty-five years ago. They took an important part in the American Revolution. Some of the family settled about Mifflin township and engaged in farming.

William Creasy, grandfather of William T. Creasy, was born in the southern part of Columbia county and was engaged in farming there during his earlier years. He was one of the earlier settlers in the Catawissa valley, in Schuylkill county, Pa. He continued farming throughout his active life, in his later years living retired, in Catawissa, where he died in January, 1886, at the age of seventy-nine, and is buried. He owned a tract of land in that township. He and his wife, Mary (Gearhart), had one son, Nathan.

Nathan Creasy, son of William, was born

in the Catawissa valley, in Schuylkill county, and came with his parents to Main township, Columbia county, when a child. He followed farming, after his marriage buying the tract on the hill in Catawissa township, across the Susquehanna from Bloomsburg, and there he continued to live until his death, which occurred in August, 1881. He was a member of the Lutheran Church, and was one of the well known and highly respected residents of his district. His wife, Susanna (Krickbaum), survived him, dying in 1883, and they are buried at Catawissa. Mrs. Creasy was born in 1830 in Catawissa township, on the farm now owned by her son, Henry, and was a daughter of Henry Krickbaum, who was of German extraction. To Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Creasy were born eight children, namely: Alice, who is deceased; William T.; Francis Pierce, mentioned at length elsewhere in this work; Ellen E., wife of W. H. Hess, of Almedia, this county; Henry Lloyd, of Catawissa township; Nathan C., a merchant of Catawissa; Dora S., wife of Noah Helwig, a prominent farmer of Catawissa township; and a daughter that died in infancy.

William T. Creasy was reared on a farm, remaining with his grandparents until twenty years of age. He had the advantages of the common schools and Catawissa Academy, also attending the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, from which institution he was graduated in 1875. Before that he had begun teaching, when sixteen years of age, and he followed the profession for eleven terms. All his life he has been engaged in farming and fruit growing as well as stock raising. In 1876 he settled upon the farm where he has since had his home, and which he bought that year, a tract of 215 acres on the summit of the range of hills across from Bloomsburg, in Catawissa township. There are thirty-five acres in fruit and he is constantly adding to his orchard. He has many experimental methods of horticulture in operation, and has some of the finest cherries and apricots in the county. He has a herd of Holstein cows, and raises Berkshire, Poland-China and Chester White swine. The farm is equipped with all modern machinery, and Mr. Creasy is installing a small machine shop, with power.

Few farmers have become as well known as practical advocates of the best systems in vogue among advanced agriculturists at the present day. Mr. Creasy was one of the originators of the White Plymouth chicken. His interest in the promotion of all things which had for their object the betterment of farm

conditions, whether they raised the standards of work or of home life, led him to take an active part in the Grange movement, and he has been a member of the Pennsylvania State Grange more than thirty-four years and one of its foremost workers, serving on important committees. For many years he served on the legislative committee of the State Grange, and as such took an influential part in framing Grange legislation. As an authority on State and local taxation whose knowledge is recognized throughout the country he presented the Grangers' ideas on taxation at the National Conference on Taxation held at Buffalo, at the Pan-American Exposition in 1901, and delivered an address on taxation which was widely quoted all over the United States and Canada. In 1908 he was elected master of the State Grange, and served until his recent resignation, in December, 1914. He is editor-in-chief of the *Pennsylvania Grange News*, the organ of the State Grange. He is also a prominent figure in the National Grange, belongs to a number of agricultural organizations, has been president of the State Horticultural Association, and is favorably known by representative men, particularly along agricultural lines, throughout the United States.

As an ardent and effective champion of every cause affecting the welfare of the farming population he won the sobriquet of "Farmer" Creasy in the State Legislature, of which he was a leading member for many years. Mr. Creasy's first term in the Pennsylvania Legislature began in 1894, and he was a member of that body continuously until 1910. He was always one of its energetic workers. For years he was the acknowledged Democratic leader in the House, and several times was the Democratic nominee for speaker. His popularity in the party is of long standing. In 1899 he was the nominee for the State treasurer; in 1901 and 1902 was State chairman; and in 1906 the nominee for auditor general. In the last year named he could have had the gubernatorial nomination had he so desired, for his name was prominently mentioned in that connection and he had the backing of the labor organizations. In 1910 he was defeated for State senator. He was a candidate for lieutenant governor at the recent election.

There are few men in public life who have as creditable a record as Mr. Creasy. The statement was recently made that in all the years he was at Harrisburg the finger of suspicion was never pointed in his direction. His motives were never questioned, and the class of legislation with which he has been associated



is enough to stamp him as a progressive of the most liberal type, one who has labored unselfishly for the general good and whose far-sightedness has come to be proverbial. As has been said of him: "Even in the days when reform and reformers were not popular it was Mr. Creasy who, often alone, was on the job and championed night and day reform movements, many of which have since been enacted into laws. One who knows has said that more reform measures were placed on the statute books through his efforts than those of any other member who has been in the House in years. Always on the firing line, his voice and his influence have at all times been exerted in the furtherance of that which had to do with the moral and civic upbuilding of the State. To speak of the beneficent laws he has championed would be to refer to practically every good law Pennsylvania has seen placed upon her statute books in recent years. A few of the many for which he has valiantly fought in the years he has been in the House are the Trolley Freight bill, Two Cent Fare bill, as well as a number of laws to enforce the constitution in regard to railroads and increases of appropriations to township high schools." He was a director of the Postal Express League which put through the present parcel post law, and he has spent a great deal of his time in the law making bodies at Washington as well as at Harrisburg, looking especially after agricultural legislation; has served as bank director and life insurance director; vice president of the Farmers' Life Insurance Company of Syracuse, N. Y.; and has taken part in many other important financial matters. He is a director of the Pennsylvania Peace Society, and was one of the speakers at the Cost of Living Conference under the auspices of the American Academy of Political and Social Science. His address on "The High Cost of Living from the Farmer's Standpoint" has attracted popular interest. While a Democrat, Mr. Creasy "has the friendship of men in all parties in his State. His desk in the House was a sort of storm center and place of friendly interest as well."

Mr. Creasy's estate in Catawissa township is considered a model farm, and after visiting it, in 1902, William Jennings Bryan announced that he would give his celebrated Nebraska farm the same name in its honor, "Fairview." Mr. Creasy has served his home township in the offices of school director and supervisor, and he has also held the position of mercantile appraiser.

On March 23, 1876, Mr. Creasy was mar-

ried to Sarah Jane Weaver, daughter of Elias and Sarah (Yetter) Weaver, of Columbia county, and to them have been born six children: Charles W., who married Laura Hower and has three children; Catherine, now the wife of Frank Bundy and mother of three children; Sadie, wife of Roy Bitler and mother of two children; William K., who is married to Ruth Long and has one child; Luther P. and Susan D., both living at home. In religious connection Mr. and Mrs. Creasy are members of the Lutheran Church, of which he is a trustee.

WILLIAM QUIGG, whose fine farm of 308 acres is situated in Mahoning township, one and a half miles from Danville, is a well known citizen of Montour county, and in 1911, on the Republican ticket, was elected a member of the board of county commissioners. He was born in Montgomery county, Pa., Feb. 18, 1856, a son of Thomas and Rebecca (Robison) Quigg, and is of Scotch-Irish descent.

Thomas Quigg was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and from there came to the United States in 1847, landing at Philadelphia, and settling in Montgomery county, Pa. He was an iron worker, and in June, 1863, came to Danville. The following year he enlisted for service in the Civil war, and served one year as a private in Company D, 58th Pa. Vol. Inf. He died at Danville, when aged sixty-seven years, and he and his wife, Rebecca (Robison) Quigg, are buried in the Episcopal cemetery there. She was born in County Derry, Ireland. They were good, kind-hearted, industrious people. They had two children, William and John, the latter a resident of Danville; he married Alice Diehl, and they live in the old Quigg homestead.

William Quigg has taken care of himself practically from early boyhood, when he went to work on Peter Bright's farm. Later he found employment as water boy in the neighboring lime quarry and kilns, and then went to work in the ore mines. Thus he had but little time to go to school, but took advantage of every opportunity and is a well informed man, and he has always been able to influence others through his good judgment and practical common sense. From the ore mines Mr. Quigg went into the big iron works of Waterman & Beaver, now the Reading Iron Company, Danville, Pa., and worked his way up until he became a heater, in the Reading Iron Company's mill. He joined the Danville fire company in 1877, and proved himself so brave and resourceful in times of danger that in 1879 he

was made assistant engineer of "Good Will" Hose Company No. 4, and in 1880 was elected chief of the department, serving as such for one year. Since March 14, 1889, he has resided on his farm, where he has prospered, devoting his land to a general line of agriculture.

Mr. Quigg was married Jan. 24, 1882, to Anna McNeerney, of Philadelphia, Pa., who was born Oct. 31, 1859, in Ireland, and was two years old when brought to this country. They have had nine children, of whom we have the following record: Thomas, born Nov. 1, 1882, at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., is engaged as a molder there with the Danville Stove Company; Annie, born April 14, 1885, at Danville, is the wife of Ralph Cope, of Maudsley, Pa., now employed by the Reading Iron Company; Rebecca, born Feb. 15, 1887, at Danville, a nurse in the Danville hospital, is the wife of Blaine B. Morrison, also a nurse; Dennis, born July 28, 1889, in Mahoning township, Montour Co., Pa., resides at home and assists his father; Elizabeth, born March 19, 1891, in Mahoning township, is a teacher in that township; Stewart, born April 12, 1893, in Mahoning township, died July 28, 1901, aged eight years, three months, sixteen days; Mary Jane, born May 13, 1896, in Mahoning township, is a graduate of the Danville high school, class of 1914; John Robinson, born Nov. 6, 1898, in Mahoning township, is attending school at Danville; Margaret Edith, born July 6, 1901, in Mahoning township, died July 7, 1902, aged one year, one day.

Mr. Quigg was reared in the Episcopal Church. In politics he is a Republican, and as an interested agriculturist he has associated himself with Valley Grange, No. 1184.

BENJAMIN E. BITLER, M. D., is at present located at Pottsgrove, Northumberland county, not far from the Montour county line, and he was formerly in practice at Washingtonville, Montour county, for eleven years. He has been a member of the Montour County Medical Society for twenty-two years, and is well and favorably known, both professionally and personally, all over this section. Outside of his profession, he has been especially active in promoting educational interests, for which he has done good work.

John Bitler, Dr. Bitler's great-grandfather, familiarly known as "Long John," was a surveyor by calling. With his brother James and another brother he came from England and settled in Chester county, Pa. His son, James

Bitler, was born near Brandonville, in Schuylkill county, Pa., and his wife Mathilda (Focht) was also from that county. He came to Montour county and bought the farm on which he settled, following agricultural pursuits and also milling, having erected a water mill on his property. He was instantly killed in 1864, when seventy-two years old, while helping to raise some heavy timber. His wife died in 1883, aged seventy-nine years.

Joel Bitler, son of James, was born in Schuylkill county and raised there, being twenty-three years old when he came to Montour county with his parents. He had received excellent advantages for the time, and being of a studious turn improved them, and during his early manhood he engaged in teaching. He also followed sawmilling and farming, and he continued to reside on the Bitler homestead settled by his father until his death there, in 1890, when he was fifty-six years old. He married Eliza Dieffenbacher, daughter of Benjamin and Sophia (Proxell) Dieffenbacher. Her great-grandfather, Philip Dieffenbacher, was the first of the name to locate in the region of Strawberry Ridge, which he named. He moved hither with a prairie schooner and a team of oxen. He took up a 600-acre tract from the government, and became one of the prominent residents of that section. He helped to build the first church there. His wife was Emma Mauser.

Mrs. Bitler died in 1902, at the age of sixty-one years. She and her husband had a family of seven children, of whom Benjamin E. is the eldest; Norman S. lives at Strawberry Ridge; William L. is on the old homestead; Ursula is the wife of A. J. Levan, of Schuylkill, Pa.; Hulda, widow of George Merrell, lives at Buffalo, N. Y.; Laura is the wife of William Lose, of Montgomery, Pa.; Maud is the wife of Claude Heffenfanger, of Montgomery.

Benjamin E. Bitler was born Oct. 21, 1862, in Derry township, Montour county, and obtained his early education in the public schools. After leaving school he did farm work, and later taught school during the winter seasons for three years. He then entered a drug store in Kansas City, where he was employed as clerk for a year and a half, following which he had some experience on the range in Kansas, being a cowboy for eighteen months. Subsequently he took up a quarter section of land in Comanche county, Kans. In 1883 he opened a drug store at Protection, Kans., in partnership with Dr. Milton H. Winn, and while conducting same pursued the study of medicine for two years. He then married and

located at Louisville, Ky., where in 1887 he entered the University of Louisville, completing his course and graduating in 1889. The year following he practiced at Corydon, Ind., thence returning to Montour county, Pa., and establishing himself at Washingtonville, where he remained for a period of eleven years. In 1901 he moved thence to Pottsgrove, where he has been practicing for the last thirteen years. Dr. Bitler is a member of the State Medical Society, and of the American National Medical Association. His high standing in medical circles and among his numerous patrons has been gained by conscientious attention to all who have come under his care, and he is highly esteemed for his strong character and the public spirit which has guided him in all his dealings with the community. For the last eight years he has been a member of the Pottsgrove school board, to which he was reelected in the fall of 1913 for a term of six years, and his efficient services have won the approval and hearty co-operation of the most progressive element in the town. Politically he is a Democrat. Socially he holds membership in the I. O. O. F., to which he has belonged for twenty-six years, being at present connected with Pottsgrove Lodge, No. 623, and he also belongs to the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection at that place; he is a member of Milton Lodge, No. 913, B. P. O. Elks, of Milton, Pa., and of the Pottsgrove Lutheran Church.

Dr. Bitler married July 7, 1886, Eva I. Winn, who was born April 14, 1866, at Corydon, Ind., daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bines) Winn, the latter now deceased; she was from Pennsylvania. Mr. Winn, who survives, learned the trade of blacksmith, and followed it during his active years. In his earlier life he was also a preacher in the M. E. Church. During the Civil war he served as an officer, and he was wounded.

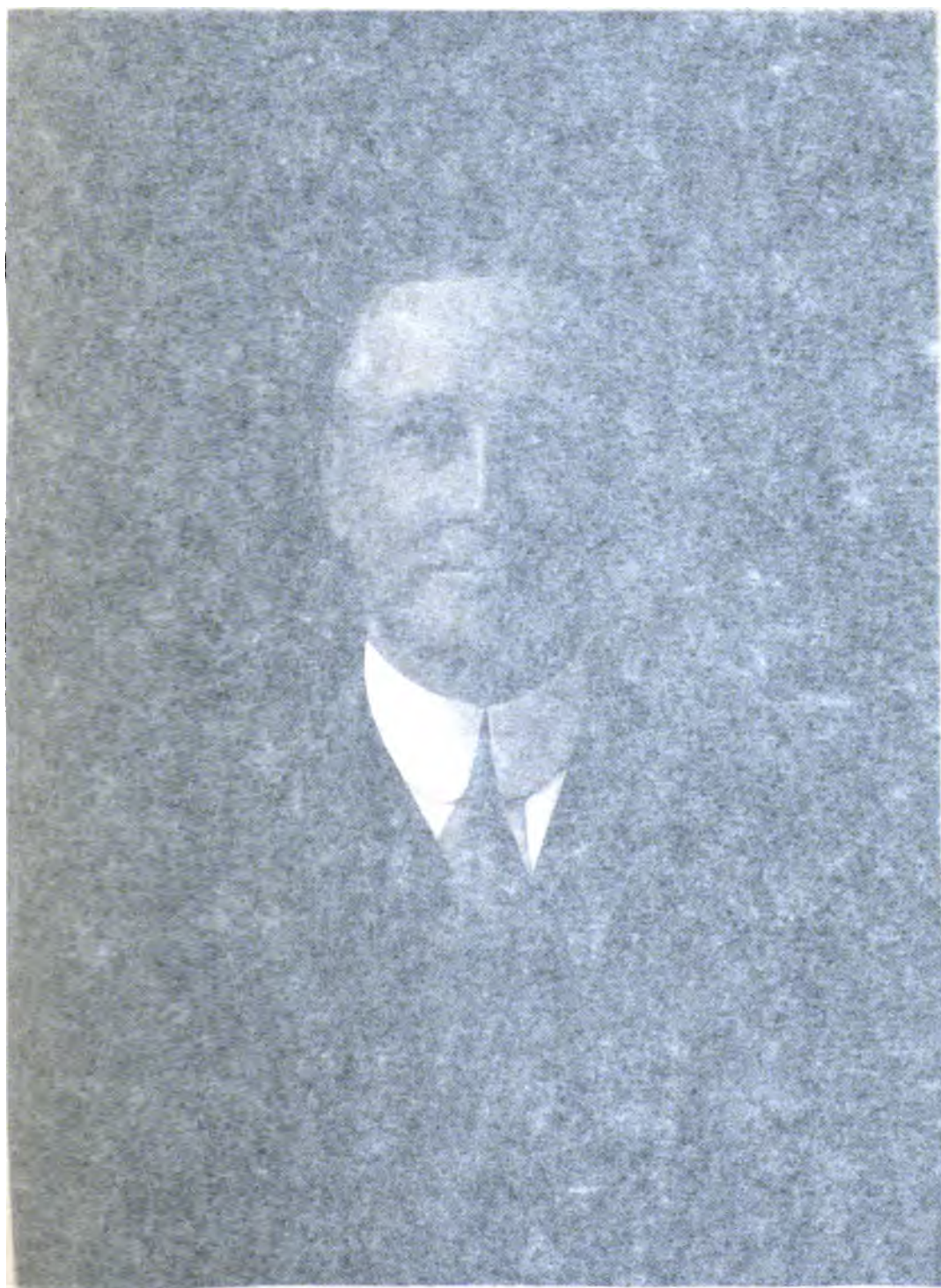
Six children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Bitler: Ursula E., born Sept. 30, 1887, in Louisville, Ky., lives at home; Anna W., born April 15, 1889, widow of Warren Winter, has one child, Eva; Laura E., born Aug. 22, 1891, in Washingtonville, is the wife of C. Franklin Koch, of Pottsgrove, and has one child, Mary Helen; Mary E., born Jan. 3, 1894, is engaged at the Trenton (N. J.) State Hospital, and like her three sisters is a graduate of the Pottsgrove high school and a trained nurse; Elmer Dewey, born Feb. 11, 1898, is a student at the Pottsgrove high school; David Joel, born Aug. 6, 1900, is in grammar school.

CLARK DICKERMAN EATON, a prominent official of the American Car and Foundry Company, has been established in the general offices of the company at New York City since the year 1907, in the capacity of sales manager. Thoroughly modern in his attitude on business questions, the natural gifts which made his selection for the position so logical have undergone favorable development in his present environment, and he has broadened along with the requirements of his work. More than that, his ideas and their evolution have effected a marked improvement in the selling department, making it worthy of its relation to the great concern whose products are marketed through this agency.

Mr. Eaton was born near Bethlehem, Pa., Aug. 12, 1871. Coming to Berwick with his parents when a child, he was a resident of that borough until his removal to New York City in 1907. His early education, obtained at the public schools of Berwick, was supplemented by three years' attendance at the University of Pennsylvania. Returning to Berwick he entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, in the rolling mills, then went to the wheel department, and in 1899 became employed in the general office of the Berwick district as clerk. He was soon made assistant to the manager, Mr. Lowry. In 1907 he was transferred to the general offices at New York, becoming sales manager, which position he has since filled. As may be judged by this brief record of his services, he has gained his familiar knowledge of the business and works in actual experience, begun at the bottom, and continued as promotion gave opportunity. His special fitness for the department he now handles has been proved in many a severe test, and he is fortunate in combining with trustworthy business ability a genial disposition and a remarkable faculty for making friends.

Mr. Eaton is now a director of the American Car and Foundry Export Company, to which latter office he was elected in 1913. His business activities have extended as opportunity permitted, and he is now vice president of both the Sligo & Eastern Railroad Company and the Oldfields Lumber Company. His brother, Frederick Eaton, is president of the American Car and Foundry Company.

As a clubman Mr. Eaton holds membership in the Railroad Club of New York, Union League of New York, New York Athletic Club, South Orange Field Club and the Canoe Brook Country Club. His fraternal connections are with the Benevolent Protective Order



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of Elks; F. & A. M., Berwick, Pa.; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg, Pa.; and Irem Temple, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He also belongs to the American Iron and Steel Institute, American Electric Railway Association and the Pennsylvania Society. He has united with the Presbyterian Church at East Orange, and contributes liberally to its support. Politically he is a Republican.

On June 30, 1899, Mr. Eaton married Alice Leona McAnall, daughter of John R. McAnall, superintendent of the hospital department of the American Car and Foundry Company, mentioned elsewhere in this work. They have two children, Frederick Heber (2d) and John McAnall.

**WILLIAM EDWIN BOYER**, ex-county commissioner of Montour county, now engaged in farming and stock raising in Liberty township, was born in that township March 28, 1860, son of Henry John and Mary (Robbins) Boyer.

The genealogy of the Boyer (formerly spelled Bayer) family dates back in America to the year 1732, when one Christopher Bayer emigrated from the Fatherland to this country. His son, Henricus Bayer, and his wife Angelina became the parents of several children, among them Catherine, who was born in 1773, and died Sept. 18, 1841. Catherine Boyer married her second cousin, Henry Boyer, who was born at Reading, Pa., and died Aug. 8, 1838, aged sixty-four years, three months. He was one of the first settlers of Liberty township, at that time covered with dense timber, and his life was passed in farming and lumbering. He cleared the present farm of his grandson, and himself hauled his produce and supplies to and from the Reading markets.

Henry J. Boyer, son of Henry Boyer, and father of William Edwin Boyer, was born in Northampton county, Pa., and died July 11, 1893, aged eighty-five years, six months, three days. He was six years old when he accompanied his parents to Liberty township, where his life was spent in agricultural operations. He married Mary Robbins, who was born April 20, 1841, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and died April 14, 1912. She was a daughter of Martin and Anna (Crites) Robbins, who came to Northumberland county from New Jersey and subsequently made their home in Montour county. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Boyer, namely: William Edwin and Elizabeth Catherine, the last named deceased; she was the wife of Benjamin C. Lindner.

After securing his education in the public schools William Edwin Boyer farmed for his father until reaching the age of nineteen years. When he was twenty-two years of age he married and came to his present home, where he has since followed agricultural pursuits with success. He has a well developed property which rewards him with abundant returns for the labor he expends upon it, while his success as a stock raiser has made him known as an excellent judge of cattle. The buildings are new and substantial, and here is also located one of the landmarks of the vicinity, the oldest stone house standing in Montour county, which was built by great-grandfather Robbins some time during the seventeen hundreds.

In 1881 Mr. Boyer was married to Ida May Bowman, who was born Nov. 29, 1859, in Mahoning township, Montour Co., Pa., daughter of John and Amelia Catherine (Hidely) Bowman, both now deceased, who came from near Mifflinville, Columbia Co., Pa. Mr. Bowman was born Aug. 5, 1836, and died Jan. 15, 1914. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bowman: Ida May, Mrs. Boyer; Norman, living at Milton, Pa.; Hurley, whose home is in Arizona; and Fanny, who is deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Boyer have had the following children: Fanny B., born Dec. 10, 1881, is the wife of James B. Kaiser, of Milton, Pa., and has two children, Hilda and Gladys; Minnie S., born May 10, 1883, married Ed Hause, of Danville, and has three children, Bruce, Florence and Goldie; Jennie L., born Feb. 1, 1886, married Frank Becker, of New Columbia, Pa., and has two children, Robert and William; Nettie, born Feb. 5, 1890, married Percy Hartman; Mary Catherine, born Dec. 30, 1894, a graduate of the Pottsgrove high school, is at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyer were reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church, and are members of the Pottsgrove Church, of which he is a trustee. He is a valued member of the Pottsgrove lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In politics a stanch Democrat, he has long served as tax collector, having just entered upon his fourth term in that responsible position. In 1893 he became the candidate of his party for the office of county commissioner, and was subsequently elected and served one term in that office.

**ANDREW J. STEINMAN**, a retired farmer of Valley township, and ex-county treasurer of Montour county, was born in Liberty township, that county, Oct. 20, 1849.



son of Andrew Jackson Steinman and grandson of John Steinman. John Steinman was one of the early settlers of Derry township, in what is now Montour county, and built here the first sawmill in the district, erecting it in 1812. So far as known he came to this region from Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Andrew Jackson Steinman, of Montour Ridge, Liberty township, died in 1851, aged twenty-eight years. A cooper by trade, he followed that calling at his home after moving to Derry township, thus continuing until his death. His property was near what is now Washingtonville. He married Mary Jones, who was born in Derry township, and died in 1871. She was a daughter of Peter Jones, a farmer of Derry township, who did his farm work with a yoke of oxen; he built the present Buck Seidel home. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson Steinman had four children, two of whom are living: Andrew J. and Mary, the latter the wife of Joseph Hauck.

Andrew J. Steinman passed through the ordinary experiences of any farmer's son, and when he grew old enough commenced farming for himself, thus continuing until 1872, on Sept. 20th of which year he met with an accident which resulted in the loss of his arm. In spite of this he worked for others on farms in Derry, Liberty and Anthony townships until 1876, when he was elected supervisor of Liberty township, and held that office for sixteen years. Moving to Valley township, he was elected county treasurer of Montour county, and at the close of his first term was re-elected, his second term expiring in 1912. Before his service as county treasurer, he was jury commissioner three years; he served one year as supervisor, and was elected school director in the fall of 1913, to serve six years, in Valley township. All of these offices have been bestowed upon him as candidate on the Democratic ticket, as he is a faithful worker of that party. He owns 147 acres of land, forty in Valley township, and 107 in Derry township, the latter formerly owned by Mrs. Steinman's grandfather, Samuel Moser.

Mr. Steinman was married to Martha A. Moser, who was born in Valley township March 14, 1859, a daughter of Simon and Hester (McCracken) Moser, both coming of pioneer families of Montour county. Mr. and Mrs. Steinman have had the following children: Mary Hester, who is the wife of H. V. Vognetz, of the State of New York, and has three children, Martha Irene, Edna Pearl and Charles Andrew; Rosa May, now of McEwensville, Pennsylvania; Pearl Viola, who

lives at home; Ruth Ann, who is at home, as are Alexander B., Ethel E., Percy A. and Carrie S. Mr. Steinman belongs to the Lutheran Church. For some years he has been a member of Valley Grange, No. 1184, of Montour county.

The Moser family, Mrs. Steinman's people, came to this section from Berks county, where Simon Moser, her father, was born. The great-grandparents were Peter and Anna Barbara (Steinrock) Moser. Their son, Samuel Moser, grandfather of Mrs. Steinman, died in 1869, when sixty years old. He located in Valley township, in what is now Montour county, at what in the early days was called Campbelltown Hill, and farmed there until his death. He married Esther Boyer, who died when seventy years old. Her people were always farmers, and on coming to this locality lived first in Valley township, later settling in Derry township. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Moser consisted of seven children, of whom three survive: Levi, a farmer of Derry township, Montour county; Catherine, wife of David Wintersteen, of Valley township; and Daniel, who is in the West.

Simon Moser, Mrs. Steinman's father, died in 1912, at the age of seventy-two years. He married Hester McCracken, whose parents, Hugh and Bessie McCracken, settled in Liberty township, and the following children were born to this marriage: John, now of Danville, Pa.; David, of Cooper township; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel G. Fausey, of Mausdale; Bertha, married to William Fenstermacher, of Luzerne county; Cora, wife of Arthur Fry; and Martha A., Mrs. Steinman.

THOMAS C. WELSH, attorney at law, of Danville, Montour Co., Pa., was born in that city, at the old homestead, where he now makes his home, Dec. 17, 1867, son of James and Rose (Clifford) Welsh.

James Welsh was born in Ireland, as was his wife, and he came to the United States in 1851, previous to which time he had worked in England's mines from the age of thirteen years. Coming to Danville, he became a heater at the Reading Iron Works, and died at the age of seventy-eight years, April 11, 1908. He is buried in St. Joseph's cemetery, and was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Politically he was a Democrat and active in the party, serving three terms as councilman. His widow, who still survives, residing now at Danville, was an orphan when she came to the United States with her sister and brother, arriving at Danville in 1852. Mr. and Mrs.

James Welsh had the following children: Patrick G., who is a resident of Youngstown, Ohio; Peter, of Youngstown, Ohio; Thomas C., of Danville; James, a Roman Catholic missionary priest and member of the Passionist Order, now at Boston, Mass. (he is known as Rev. Hilary Welsh); John W., a contractor and builder, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Edward, who died in youth; and Mary C., who has been a school teacher in the borough of Danville since 1898, now teaching fifth and sixth grades in the Second ward school. Of this family, James graduated from the Danville high school in 1888, began his studies for the priesthood at Dunkirk, N. Y., and finished his preparation at Baltimore, Md. He was first stationed at St. Michael's monastery, Hoboken, N. J., doing work in New York City, and from there went to Louisville, Ky., in the mission service.

Thomas C. Welsh was graduated from the Danville public schools in 1885, and from Bryant & Stratton's business college at Philadelphia in 1887. Following this he spent the year 1887-8 at LaSalle College, in Philadelphia. Until 1891 Mr. Welsh was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company as clerk in the division engineer's office at Philadelphia, when he went with the Empire Granite Company, of Barre, Vt., and Harrisburg, Pa., continuing with that concern until 1894. Mr. Welsh then began the study of law at Danville, with R. S. Ammerman, and was admitted to the bar in 1897. In 1899 his abilities received signal recognition by his election to the office of district attorney, and he was reelected to that office in 1911. In addition to carrying on general practice Mr. Welsh has been a justice of the peace, which office he resigned to accept that of district attorney in 1900.

Mr. Welsh is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks, Lodge No. 436, of Danville, the Hibernians, Lodge No. 1, of Montour county, and did belong to the old William Penn Club, the Bicycle Club and the Danville Whist Club, but his increasing legal duties necessitated his resignation.

JOHN FELCH TOOLEY, one of the leading retail grocers at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., was born in that city in November, 1866, son of John and Ann (Hanlin) Tooley.

John Tooley was born in Ireland, came to the United States in May, 1853, and settling at Danville became engineer at a blast furnace. All his mature life was spent in work

of this nature, and he died April 6, 1900. His wife passed away May 28, 1911, in Danville, Pennsylvania.

John Felch Tooley attended the public schools of Danville until he was thirteen years of age, when he left to become a heater at furnace No. 20. Later he became clerk in a general store, but after four years left Danville, and was manager of a general store at Hughesville for six months. Returning to Danville he embarked in a grocery business with a Mr. Harris, under the firm style of Harris & Tooley. Three years later he opened up a grocery store at Nos. 316 and 318 Mill street, and later added dry goods to his stock. In addition he and his brother, Lawrence Tooley, conduct a grocery store at Bloomsburg, Pa., under the name of J. F. Tooley & Co. Mr. Tooley is a director of the First National Bank of Danville, and a man of substance in his community.

Mr. Tooley was married to Alice McCame, of Danville, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth McCame, the former a hotel man. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Tooley: Dorothy, Alice, Leo, James and Mary. The family belong to St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Fraternally Mr. Tooley is a member of the Elks and the Knights of Columbus.

WILLIAM YORKS, deceased, for many years a farmer in Cooper township, Montour county, was born in that vicinity April 4, 1815, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Fox) Yorks.

Samuel Yorks came to this section from New Jersey, settling in what is now Montour county about 1780. Here he owned and lived on a large tract of land which he bought very cheaply, and he also owned another large tract, in what is now Columbia county. He was a soldier of the war of 1812.

William Yorks was reared to farming, which he followed practically all his life, though in connection he had extensive lumber and sawmill interests. He was engaged as a lumber dealer, and teamed to Danville, where he also carried on the insurance business in his later years. He bought the farm in Cooper township which he occupied with his family until his death, and was enterprising and prosperous in business and also actively interested in public affairs, serving one term as county commissioner, and for about thirty years as justice of the peace of Cooper township. He was a member of the Grove Presbyterian Church. Mr. Yorks married Martha Hull,

who was born Dec. 19, 1824, in Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Ritter) Hull. They were of Scotch and German descent, respectively. Mr. Yorks died Aug. 21, 1877, his wife surviving until July 16, 1909, almost reaching the age of eighty-five years. Her daughter, Miss M. Ida Yorks, lived with her mother until the latter's death, and is now operating the homestead farm, which she inherited. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Yorks, three surviving, namely: Charles Edwin, born Aug. 3, 1853, on the home farm, formerly cultivated that place, but is now in the employ of the Benton Telephone Company, engaged in construction work; Dr. John R. is a resident of Philadelphia; M. Ida lives on the old homestead in Cooper township, not far from Danville. The parents are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery, Danville.

MISS M. IDA YORKS was born on the old home place of her parents in Cooper township, and obtained her education in the public schools of the vicinity. After her father's death she continued to care for her mother, who survived him over thirty years, reaching a very advanced age. Miss Yorks is one of the most highly esteemed residents of her locality. Her father was one of its leading citizens in his day, and the name commands respect wherever known.

GEORGE ANDREW STOCK, M. D., a physician and surgeon of Danville, was born at Gettysburg, Pa., Nov. 17, 1876, son of George E. and Sarah (Noel) Stock. The father is a manufacturer of cigars.

Dr. Stock attended Xavier Institute, at Gettysburg, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1892, following which he entered St. Mary's College, and in 1894 began the study of medicine in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. After spending three years there he completed his studies at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1898. For the following year he was at St. Joseph's hospital, at Baltimore, Md., and a portion of that time had charge of the diseases of the chest at the University of Maryland, at Baltimore. Dr. Stock then spent eight months at Philadelphia, and in 1900 came to Danville, Pa., where he established himself in general practice. He belongs to the county, State and national medical associations, being a director of the first named, was vice president, and is now serving his third term as its president. He also belongs to the International Tubercu-

culosis Congress and the National Tuberculosis Association. His other connections are important, as he is a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Health, medical inspector of the schools of Montour county, and assistant physician and surgeon for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

On June 6, 1900, Dr. Stock was married at Danville to Elizabeth V. McCann, of that borough, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Daugherty) McCann. Mr. McCann is a hotel man. Dr. and Mrs. Stock have had three children, Ruth, Mark and George. The Doctor is a member of St. Hubert's Catholic Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks, Heptasophs, Knights of St. George, and Protected Home Circle. Dr. Stock is a great lover of music and has composed several pieces, vocal and instrumental, and he is the conductor of the Orpheus Glee Club of Danville. When occasion demands he conducts grand choruses, for charitable purposes. As a man and physician Dr. Stock has an enviable reputation and Danville has no better citizen in every respect than he.

SAMUEL A. MILLS, late of Danville, was one of the public-spirited citizens of the borough, and at the time of his death was serving as one of the overseers of the Danville and Mahoning poor district. He had been living retired from 1910, previous to which for several years he was in business as a coal dealer, but during the greater part of his active life he was employed in the manufacture of iron and steel as boss rail roller. Mr. Mills was a native of England, born at Tipton, Staffordshire, Oct. 6, 1837, son of Jacob Mills. His grandfather, Jacob Mills, died in England in September, 1844, at the age of seventy-eight years; the grandmother died there in 1837.

Jacob Mills, the father, was born in 1803 in England, and in 1845 came to America with his family, which then consisted of four children. He was a shoemaker and followed that trade, but when the Montour Steel Works were opened at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., he came to this place, and lost every dollar he had in the panic. Mr. Mills passed the remainder of his life in Danville, dying here in 1868. He married Mary Law, daughter of Jacob Dudley Law, and three of their children survive: Samuel A., Jacob and Betsy, the two last named living at Danville; they occupy the old homestead there.

After his school days were over Samuel A. Mills went to work in the Rough and Ready

rolling mills. He was only eleven years old at the time. Later he was employed by the National Iron Company, being a roller in their plant until 1874. Then for several years he was connected with the Cooperative Steel Works, in which he was a stockholder, and he served as director of that concern. In 1884 he became associated with the Grove and Grier iron mills at Danville, as boss roller, and subsequently was engaged as roller at the plant of the North Branch Steel Company until 1903. He then went into the coal business, in which he continued until he retired in 1910. He was in poor health for a number of years before his death, which occurred Feb. 27, 1914.

Mr. Mills did not seek public honors or office, but he was called upon to serve his fellow citizens in various responsible capacities. For seven years he was a member of the school board, for three years a member of the borough council, and in 1910 he was elected to the office of overseer of the poor. His services in every position were highly satisfactory to all concerned. He was a Republican on political issues. Fraternally he was a Mason, belonging to Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., Danville. His religious training was received in the Methodist Church, and he was a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church at Danville.

Mr. Mills was prominent in local G. A. R. circles, having been a leading member of Goodrich Post, No. 22, of Danville, which he served as commander. He served in the Civil war under three enlistments, first on July 6, 1861, as a musician in the regimental band of the 6th Pennsylvania Reserves, for three years or during the war. The bands having been eliminated from the service by reason of General Order No. 151, Mr. Mills with his organization (then at Harrison Landing) was discharged Aug. 11, 1862. On Oct. 21, 1862, he joined Company F, 178th Pennsylvania Regiment, for nine months' service, and acted as second lieutenant of that company under Capt. John A. Winner and First Lieut. Abner Brown. He was discharged at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, July 27, 1863. At Camden, N. J., in September, 1864, he entered the United States navy and was assigned to the ship "Crusader." On June 7, 1865, the war having closed, he was discharged from the service with the grade of master at arms. Mr. Mills served as a member of the committee which had charge of the erection of the soldiers' monument in Memorial Park, Danville, his associates on that body being

William McClure, Frank Schock, Samuel McCoy, Jacob C. Miller, Dr. P. C. Newbaker, George W. Roat and James Foster.

Mr. Mills married Amanda Jane Crossley, who was born in Valley township in 1845, daughter of John and Margaret (Stettler) Crossley, the former a native of Montour county. Six children were born to this union, only two of whom survive: George Edward, an attorney, who is in California; and Mary Margaret, a nurse, of New York City. The deceased were: Eugene, Emily, Denison and Samuel A. The last named married Nellie Meyers, and they had three children, Samuel A., John R. and Ella. Mrs. Amanda J. Mills died Oct. 20, 1884, and was buried in the Episcopal cemetery at Danville.

On March 16, 1887, Mr. Mills married (second) Mary V. Swank, who was born Feb. 12, 1846, in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa., daughter of Samuel Swank and granddaughter of John Swank, who came from Orwigsburg, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was a farmer by occupation. He died in November, 1857, long surviving his first wife, Mary (Preune), who had passed away in 1823. She was the mother of four children: Sarah, Mrs. George King; William; Benjamin, who married Mary Dicus, and Samuel. By his second marriage John Swank had the following children: David; John; Juliana; Mary Ann, Mrs. David Burger, and Hannah, Mrs. Culp. John Swank and his first wife are buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Reed station, Northumberland county; his second wife is buried at the Klines Grove Methodist Church, in that county.

Samuel Swank, father of Mrs. Mills, was born March 2, 1819, and died June 19, 1893, at the age of seventy-four years. He was a farmer by occupation. His wife, Hannah (Colket), was born Dec. 2, 1819, at Snyderstown, Northumberland county, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Vastine) Colket and granddaughter of Edward and Margaret Colket, who left Philadelphia in the early days of the cholera plague to escape the disease, settling at Snyderstown, Northumberland county. Mrs. Swank died Jan. 23, 1900. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Swank, namely: Elizabeth, born July 17, 1843, married Melancthon Unger, of Union Corner, Northumberland county; Mary V. is the widow of Samuel A. Mills; Martha, born Sept. 22, 1848, died in 1877, and her twin sister, Sarah, died in 1884; Thomas J., born Aug. 2, 1850, is supervisor at the Danville State Hospital for the In-

sane; John, born Nov. 17, 1857, died in 1864; Ira Foster, born Oct. 2, 1854, died in 1885.

Through her grandmother, Elizabeth (Vastine), Mrs. Mills is related to the Vastine family, mentioned at length elsewhere in this work, Elizabeth being a daughter of Peter Vastine, granddaughter of Benjamin Vastine, great-granddaughter of Benjamin Vastine and great-great-granddaughter of John Vastine, son of the pioneer of the family in this country, Abraham Van de Woestyne. Mrs. Mills was reared in the faith of the Baptist Church.

WILLIAM L. SIDLER has been register of wills and recorder of deeds of Montour county for over twenty years, since 1892. He is a native of Danville, and several generations of his family have lived in the county.

Jacob, the great-grandfather of William L. Sidler, spelled the name Sittler; he was a native of Germany, and on coming to this country first settled in New Jersey. He and his son Jacob moved to Montour county, Pa., then a part of Columbia county, and purchased a tract of land in Valley township which became the property of Emanuel Sidler, and there the father carried on general farming the remainder of his active days. He passed from this life at an advanced age and was buried in the old log church grounds in Mahoning township. He had four children, as follows: Philip, David, Martha and Jacob.

Jacob Sidler, the grandfather of William L. Sidler, was born in 1798 in Lehigh county, Pa., supposedly at Allentown, and came to Montour county with his wife and father. He learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for some time, and then engaged in farming on the old homestead, which consisted of 140 acres of highly cultivated land. By the time of his death, which occurred when he was sixty-two years old, he had also acquired another farm, of 210 acres. His wife, who was Elizabeth Benfield, also a native of Pennsylvania, daughter of John Benfield, died aged fifty-two, and they are buried in the Straub burial ground in Valley township. They were the parents of the following children: John, Mary, Jacob, Emanuel, Sarah, Lavina, Franklin and Elizabeth, Emanuel being the only survivor. Mr. Sidler was a strong Democrat, and served as supervisor and school director many years; in religious views he was a member of the Lutheran Church, belonging to the old Log Church in Mahoning township. Of his children Emanuel, born March 26, 1829, served a term as county treasurer and also held minor offices.

Franklin Sidler, son of Jacob, above, was born on the old homestead, where he spent his boyhood days. In 1864 he enlisted in the 3d Regiment, Pa. Vol. Artillery, and served to the close of the war. Returning to Danville, he was employed in the rolling mills until 1872, when he purchased a farm in Valley township, Montour county, and followed agricultural pursuits the rest of his active days, with the exception of a period in 1874 and 1875, when he was a stockholder and contractor in the Cooperative Iron Works at Danville, later owned by the North Branch Iron & Steel Company. He was united in marriage to Amanda J. Gulick, a daughter of Samuel and Susannah Gulick, of Montour county, and to this union four children were born, namely: William L.; Samuel G., who died in infancy; Charles A., an attorney, residing at Sunbury, Pa.; and Horace A., who is engaged in farming on the old homestead. The father died Dec. 14, 1891, aged fifty-six years, ten months, one day, and the mother still resides on the homestead with her son Horace A. Mr. Sidler was an unwavering Democrat. He served as supervisor and tax collector, and was a man greatly respected for his many fine qualities, being recognized as one of the active and progressive men of his community. His religious connection was with the Lutheran Church.

William L. Sidler taught in the country schools near his home for three years, taught school at Riverside one year, and then at Danville for three years. After teaching for several years in the primary and grammar schools of Danville he supplemented his early education by a course in Princeton College, from which institution he was graduated in 1888. He then began the study of law under the direction of Edward S. Gearhart, was admitted to the bar in 1890 and in 1891 began practicing his chosen profession. In 1891 he was elected register of wills and recorder of deeds of Montour county, which office he still holds; and he has made a record for efficient service in that capacity. Mr. Sidler has been a member of the Danville school board for the last four years. He is a director of the Amajac Mines Company, of Mexico.

Mr. Sidler married Mary E. Divel, a daughter of Hon. Henry Divel, a prominent citizen of Danville, and four children have been born to them, viz.: Margaret R., Franklin William, Mildred and Henry D.

Mr. Sidler is a prominent member of Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., which he has twice served as master; of Danville

Chapter, No. 239, R. A. M. (past high priest); Calvary Commandery, No 37, K. T. (past commander); and was district deputy grand master of the Thirty-fifth district, F. & A. M., of Pennsylvania for five years. He also belongs to Montour Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F., and Beaver Lodge, No. 132, K. of P. He is an earnest member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

STEPHEN ELLIS SNYDER, general merchant at Comly, Montour county, is one of the best known business men of this section. He is a son of Jacob and Elizabeth Eleanor (Ellis) Snyder, and in both paternal and maternal lines belongs to old Pennsylvania stock, the Ellises being particularly well known in this part of Montour county.

Mr. Snyder's great-grandfather, Andrew Snyder, came to Berks county, Pa., when nineteen years old. He served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. His son Andrew, grandfather of Stephen Ellis Snyder, was born in 1805 in Lycoming county, Pa., and in the forties moved to Limestone township, in what is now Montour county, where he passed the remainder of his life, dying June 30, 1886. He farmed, and was also a mechanic. His wife, Elizabeth (Dewalt), daughter of Jacob and Magdalena (Linn) Dewalt, of Berks county, continued to live on the old homestead a short time, and then moved to Strausstown and later to near Exchange, where she died. She survived him many years, passing away in 1900, at the age of eighty-eight.

Jacob Snyder, father of Stephen Ellis Snyder, was born Nov. 12, 1842, and was three years old when his parents settled on the old Snyder homestead in Limestone township, where he was reared. He lived with his parents until his marriage, and one year later removed to another farm in Limestone township. After they had lived there a year Mrs. Snyder's father bought the farm of 157 acres in Anthony township where they made their permanent home. In the early eighties, however, they moved back to Limestone township for two years, returning to the Anthony township farm in the spring of 1884. When Mr. and Mrs. Snyder took possession of this place it was all covered with timber and brush, the timber, which was valuable, including rock oak, pine, chestnut, etc. By steady application and well directed labor Mr. Snyder succeeded in improving this property wonderfully, converting it into a modern farm, which he continued to operate until his death, Dec. 27, 1905. He served his fellow citizens one term

as member of the township school board. With his wife he attended St. James' Episcopal Church at Exchange, of which the Ellises have always been strong supporters, and he was a Democrat on political questions.

On Nov. 28, 1871, Mr. Snyder married Elizabeth Eleanor Ellis, who was born Sept. 27, 1848, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Bull) Ellis, and she survives him, living on the Snyder homestead. She is a granddaughter of Stephen Ellis, Sr., and an account of the family will be found elsewhere in this work. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, all of whom are living, namely: Sarah Isabella, who is with her mother; Anna Clara, Mrs. Ed. Wright; Eleanor, Mrs. Fenton Comfer; Stephen Ellis; and James Jefferson and William Daniel, at home.

Stephen Ellis Snyder was born Jan. 20, 1876, on his parents' homestead in Anthony township, and he received his education in the public schools. Subsequently he worked at home, assisting with the farm labors until he bought his present business at Comly, in August, 1907. It is a historic old place, well known from old times. Mr. Snyder does a general mercantile business, and by his honorable methods and sincere efforts to please his patrons is holding a good trade. He was appointed postmaster at Comly in 1908, when he opened his store, and filled that position for nine months, until the change to present arrangements, this region now being on the rural route from Turbotville. Mr. Snyder is a Democrat in politics, and he was reared in the faith of the Episcopal Church, belonging to St. James' Church, of Exchange, of which he is a vestryman.

On Aug. 6, 1908, Mr. Snyder married Mary Emma Marr, who was born Nov. 11, 1887, in Anthony township, Montour county, daughter of Lloyd and Angeline (Orner) Marr, farming people of Anthony township, where Mrs. Snyder's ancestors have long been settled. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder have had a daughter, Elva Alverna, born Oct. 20, 1909, who died Jan. 25, 1910.

FALLON. The Fallon family is one well known in Montour county, and especially at Danville, where several of its representatives have been associated with commercial life for many years.

Michael Fallon, the founder of the family in this country, was a native of Ireland, born in 1820. Early in life he was a sailor, and in the course of his journeyings came to the United States, settling immediately at Dan-

ville, Pa., where he became a bricklayer, and continued to be so employed the remainder of his days. He married Catherine Jane Leary, who was also a native of Ireland, and they became the parents of seven children, six of whom survive: John, who is living retired in Berwick, Pa.; Francis, a farmer, of Danville; William; George, who is also living at Danville; Edward, a resident of Danville; Mary, who is the wife of J. Shank, of Shamokin, Pa.; and Michael, deceased.

WILLIAM FALLON, son of Michael Fallon, was born at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., Feb. 27, 1850, and still makes his home in the borough, now living retired. After finishing his course in the Danville schools Mr. Fallon entered the rolling mills at Danville and worked in them for half a century. In 1869 William Fallon was married to Mary Breslon, who was born at Safe Harbor, Pa., a daughter of Charles and Mary (Breslon) Breslon, both natives of Ireland. He and his wife had the following children: Michael, who is a merchant of Danville; William, a clerk, of Danville; Jennie, who is the wife of Robert Murray, a merchant of Danville; Ed. F.; and two who are deceased. Mrs. Fallon died in 1904.

William Fallon was reared in the faith of the Catholic Church. A strong Democrat, he has always given his party earnest and hearty support, but has not sought or desired office, having felt that his efforts should be directed toward the furtherance of his private interests.

ED. F. FALLON, jobber and wholesaler of confectionery and cigars, owning the largest establishment of its kind in northern Pennsylvania, is one of the most energetic business men of Danville. He was born in that borough March 20, 1880. After finishing his educational training in the Danville schools Mr. Fallon spent two years as a clerk, and then embarked in the retail confectionery business, continuing it for five years, when he branched out, becoming a heavy jobber and wholesale dealer in confectionery and cigars. The largest jobber north of Harrisburg, he ships to a territory covering an area of forty miles. Employment is given to eight people. In connection with his jobbing house Mr. Fallon conducts a retail ice cream, fruit, confectionery and cigar store, which is the largest and best patronized in Danville. Having been so engrossed in his business, he has had no time or inclination to go into politics, but is interested in securing good government and a betterment of existing conditions. He is a consistent member of St. Joseph's Catholic

Church. Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 754, B. P. O. Elks, and to the A. O. H. Lodge, No. 1, both of Danville.

On July 22, 1913, Mr. Fallon was married to Catherine V. Rogers, daughter of the late Charles and Rose (Gillen) Rogers.

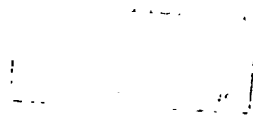
R. SCOTT AMMERMAN, of Danville, is one of the most popular attorneys in Montour county, and few of its citizens have been so active in publicly advocating the betterment of its government and institutions. His work in behalf of the State Asylum for the Insane, located at Danville, is especially notable. Mr. Ammerman was born at Danville Aug. 5, 1869, son of W. H. Ammerman and grandson of Robert Scott and Margaret (Johnson) Ammerman. The grandparents were natives of Pennsylvania of Scotch descent. They were farming people.

Mr. Ammerman received his literary education in the public schools of Danville, graduating from high school in 1886. Then he read law with James Scarlet and subsequently took a course at the law school of the University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 1891. He had been admitted to the bar of Montour county in 1890, and to practice in the Supreme court of Pennsylvania in April, 1893. He has been in active practice ever since his admission to the bar, and has had various public positions of trust, principally in connection with his profession. In 1891 he became solicitor of Danville, serving until 1895, and later again held the position from 1898 to 1900, inclusive. Twice he has been elected district attorney of Montour county, serving from 1894 to 1900. In 1902 he was first elected to represent his district in the State Legislature, and he was honored with reelection in 1904, 1906 and 1908, the last time as the nominee of the Republican, Democratic and Prohibition parties. Mr. Ammerman took an active part in all the work of that body during his connection with it, and his influence and ability were so generally recognized that he was the Democratic caucus nominee for speaker in 1905. He had the distinction of being the minority member—the only Democrat—on the State Capitol Investigation committee appointed by the House of Representatives, and had the support of the speaker and of Governor Stewart when chosen to this body. Mr. Ammerman's interest in the hospital for the insane, at Danville, has brought him into considerable prominence, and he has proved to be such an able advocate that he was chosen to make the speeches and lead the fight for



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the betterment of this institution in the House of Representatives. His work beginning in 1903 has resulted in the appropriation of over one million dollars for the institution at Danville. He labored zealously to secure the additional amounts necessary and was successful, and his efforts from time to time to secure special improvements for this hospital outside of those possible from the general fund brought appropriations as follows: 1903, \$121,300; 1905, \$264,200; 1907, \$429,300; 1909, a special appropriation of \$10,285.61 and another of \$158,783. His fellow citizens of Danville are thoroughly appreciative of the strenuous and consistent work he has done towards maintaining the hospital in the best possible condition, and the public spirit and philanthropic tendencies he has displayed in the cause have won him the respect and friendship of all in the community.

Mr. Ammerman has always been a leading member of the Democratic party in Montour county, has been delegate to State conventions several times, and in 1900 was nominated a presidential elector at the Harrisburg convention; he was a delegate to the Democratic National convention at St. Louis in 1904. In May, 1884, Mr. Ammerman enlisted in Company F, 12th Regiment, 3d Brigade, N. G. P., and served until honorably discharged in June, 1891, with the rank of sergeant. He is a director of the Farmers' National Bank of Exchange, Montour county. Socially he belongs to the B. P. O. Elks and Knights of Pythias, and his religious connection is with the Mahoning Presbyterian Church at Danville.

In 1891 Mr. Ammerman married Bessie B. Gearhart, of Danville, and they have had four children: Robert Boyd, William, Elizabeth Christine and Dorothy Atta.

JACOB H. BOYER, a member of the firm of Boyer Brothers, coal dealers and contractors, of Danville, Pa., was born there April 10, 1863, son of Franklin Boyer, grandson of Jacob Boyer and great-grandson of George Boyer, a farmer of Penn township, Snyder Co., Pennsylvania.

Jacob Boyer, son of George, was born in Penn township in November, 1803, and attended the country schools. In youth he worked with his father on the farm, and after attaining manhood bought a farm of sixty acres, which he cultivated until the age of sixty-eight, then retiring to a small village near Salem, in Penn township. When his wife died he moved to Salem and spent his last days

with his daughter Catherine, dying in February, 1890, in his eighty-seventh year. He married Mary Aurand, who was born March 9, 1809, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Aurand, and their children were: Reuben, who married Serena Walter; Samuel, who married Ann Gemberling, and resides at Selinsgrove, Snyder county; Franklin, mentioned below; Henry, who married Mary Luck; Catherine, wife of Jonathan W. Rowe; Caroline, wife of Adam Fisher; Hannah, wife of George Rowe; and Sophie, wife of Daniel Boyer. Reuben and Samuel are the only members of the above family now living. Mr. Boyer was an active member of the German Lutheran Church, of which he was a deacon. His wife died at the age of fifty-nine, and both are buried in Salem Lutheran churchyard, in Snyder county.

Franklin Boyer was born in Penn township, Snyder county, and died at Danville in November, 1906, at the age of seventy-seven. He assisted his father on the farm, and when a young man came to Danville to learn the plastering trade. He followed plastering and contracting for thirty years and then went into the coal business, in which he was engaged at the time of his death. When he first began to take contracts he formed an association with Franklin Kessler, with whom he did business for seven years. This partnership was then dissolved and he took in O. B. Sweitzer as a partner, continuing the connection for ten years.

When his sons were grown, three of them having learned plastering under their father, Franklin Boyer turned the business over to them and devoted his time to the coal trade, in which he had his son William as assistant. The greater part of their plastering work was done in Danville. Mr. Boyer was a Republican, and served as councilman from the Second ward. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and served in several of the offices, also acting as superintendent of the Sunday school. He had been a charter member of Washington Fire Company, No. 2, of Danville.

Mr. Boyer married Catherine Boyer, and they had children as follows: Alice, wife of Jacob Boyer, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Elizabeth, wife of Sylvester Markle, residing in Kansas; Rosie, Mary and Edward, who died in youth; Jacob H., mentioned below; Franklin J., who married Emma Smith; George H., who married Mary R. Rowe, of Danville; and William R., who married Lillian Burk. Mr. Boyer was actively engaged in business until three months before his death, which was caused by

dropsy. His wife died at the age of sixty-nine, and they are buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Danville.

Jacob H. Boyer attended the Second ward school in Danville and the high school for four years. He worked four years in the coal yard of his father and then learned the plasterer's trade, which he has followed ever since. He is now a member of the firm of Boyer Brothers, who succeeded their father in this work. On April 14, 1887, he married Annie M. Aten, daughter of Jacob S. and Hannah S. (Diehl) Aten. They have had no children. Mr. Boyer was formerly a Republican, and is now a Progressive. He served the Second ward as councilman for one term. He is a member of Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M. Formerly he was a councilman of Trinity Lutheran Church, but is not now affiliated with any denomination.

Annie Mary Aten, wife of Jacob H. Boyer, was born in Danville, Pa., June 7, 1864, in the house in which she now resides. She is a great-granddaughter of William Aten, who came from New Jersey to Lewis township, Northumberland county, where he farmed all the rest of his life. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He and his wife are buried at Limestone Lick, Northumberland county. He married a Miss Hendershott, and their children were: Henry F.; Garrett, who married Elizabeth Hendershott; Peter, who married Mary Hendershott; Matthias, who married Mary Dietz; Elizabeth, Mrs. Thomas.

Henry Funston Aten was born in New Jersey June 15, 1801, and came to Strawberry Ridge, Derry township, Montour county, where he worked on a farm and learned the trade of blacksmith. After his marriage in 1833 he went to Groveland, Livingston Co., N. Y., later moving to Little York, in the same county, working at his trade in the latter place in the shop of John Miller. Returning to Strawberry Ridge he opened a shop of his own, which he ran until 1843. He then worked at Paradise and Danville until blindness caused him to give up his work.

Mr. Aten married Elizabeth Springer, daughter of John and Nancy (Herr) Springer, and their children were: John, who married Eliza Marr; Mary, wife of John Grim (both deceased); William, who married Rebecca Freeze (both deceased); Henry, who married Christina Ephlin (both deceased); Jacob S., mentioned below; Conrad, who married Agnes McAllister (both deceased); David, who married Catherine Francis, his widow residing

in Baltimore, Md.; Nancy, who died at Strawberry Ridge; and Charles, who died in Little York. Mr. Aten was a Democrat and a member of the Baptist Church at Danville. His wife, born Oct. 6, 1806, died April 21, 1891; she was baptized into the Baptist Church by Rev. William Arthur, father of Chester A. Arthur, president of the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Aten are buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Danville.

Jacob Springer Aten was born Jan. 31, 1834, in Groveland, Livingston Co., N. Y., and attended the schools of Strawberry Ridge and Danville, Pa. He started to learn the trade of tailor with John Feister, but never finished it. Instead he entered the Montour Iron Works and followed the occupation of rail finisher for sixteen years. This mill passed into the hands of Grove Brothers, and later was operated by Waterman & Beaver. Mr. Aten then conducted a store, but the panic of 1873 caused him to close it. He next went to Glen City, Columbia county, and was superintendent of the store of the J. A. Losee Company for eight years, after which he returned to Danville and clerked for a number of years. He retired in 1911.

Mr. Aten married Hannah Sechler Diehl, born Dec. 30, 1836, daughter of Joseph and Sophia (Sechler) Diehl, and they had six children: Joseph Henry, born April 16, 1861, died in childhood; Annie Mary is Mrs. Boyer; Margaret Josephine, born Aug. 18, 1866, died in infancy; Laura Rote, born Jan. 25, 1869, also died in infancy; Emma Diehl, born Jan. 11, 1871, is proprietor of the E. D. Aten & Co. dry goods store at Danville; Ella Alice, born Dec. 23, 1874, is the wife of E. W. Peters. The mother of this family is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Mr. Aten was a Republican, and served as councilman from the Second ward for two terms. He was a charter member and secretary for one year of the Washington Fire Company, No. 2, of Danville; is a past noble grand of Montour Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F., and a member of the Improved Order of Red Men at Danville. He served as secretary of the church council of Trinity Lutheran Church, as superintendent of the Sunday school, and for a number of years was a member of the choir. He has taught the Bible entirely through twice in the last twenty-seven years.

**HERRINGTON.** The Herrington family has long been established in Montour county,

Pa., and associated with it by inter-marriage is the equally important one of Reed.

Aaron Herrington, the great-grandfather of Frank M. Herrington, of Danville, was born Feb. 26, 1776, and lived to the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, Jane Adlan, of Dutch stock from New York State, was born Dec. 26, 1781, and died aged eighty-one years.

Aaron Herrington, son of Aaron and Jane Herrington, was born Jan. 25, 1809, in Tioga county, Pa., and died when fifty-two years old. He was a nurse in the Pennsylvania volunteer service in the Civil war. He married Catherine Deener.

Dr. Curtis P. Herrington, son of Aaron and Catherine Herrington, was born Nov. 23, 1836. After graduating with the highest honors from Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, he entered into general practice at Ashland, Pa., continuing thus until his enlistment in the 138th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, of which he was made surgeon major. Dr. Herrington had the misfortune to fall from his horse, and was injured so badly that he had to resign from the service, returning to Ashland, Pa. He died from the effects of his injury May 21, 1868, at Danville, while on a visit to his father-in-law, Jacob Reed. An able man, and skilled physician and surgeon, the medical fraternity lost an efficient, conscientious and promising member in his death. He was a member of Ashland Lodge, No. 294, F. & A. M., and of Griscom Chapter, No. 219, R. A. M., of Ashland. In 1859 Dr. Herrington married Hannah J. Reed, and to this marriage was born one son, Frank Melville.

FRANK MELVILLE HERRINGTON, a salesman, and captain of Company F, 12th Infantry, Pennsylvania National Guard, was born at Ashland, Pa., Aug. 19, 1860. After completing the courses at the local schools, Captain Herrington began to support himself by clerking in the grocery store of his grandfather, Jacob Reed, at Danville, Pa. Within three years he bought the business, which he continued for fifteen years. At that time he sold his property and went upon the road as a commercial traveler for a hosiery concern, representing the Danville Knitting Works, but in 1901 embarked in the fruit and produce business, which he still carries on.

On Sept. 14, 1882, Captain Herrington was united in marriage with Flora May McLain, who was born at Danville, Pa., a daughter of William and Samantha (Vastine) McLain, the former now deceased; he was a carpenter and contractor, and held a contract for the construction of the State Hospital. Captain

and Mrs. Herrington have had two children: Charles Raymond, a dental surgeon, who married Margaret Kiebler; and Miss Ethel, who is at home.

For over thirty years Captain Herrington has given his country military service, having enlisted in Company F, 12th Infantry, on Sept. 13, 1881. He entered as a private, but rose to be corporal, sergeant, first sergeant, and on July 15, 1891, was made second lieutenant, and re-elected July 16, 1896. He resigned Aug. 10, 1899, and was made first lieutenant Nov. 4, 1899. On Nov. 4, 1903, he resigned, but returned to the company Feb. 16, 1904, and was elected captain Dec. 12, 1907. During the Spanish-American war he was second lieutenant of Company F, 12th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, having enlisted for service in that struggle on April 27, 1898, and was mustered in on May 12th of the same year. He was mustered out with his company on Oct. 9th. During his period of service his regiment was stationed in Virginia.

The First Baptist Church of Danville holds his membership, and he has been musical director of the choir for many years. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Castle No. 186; to Camp No. 23, Sons of Veterans; Conclave No. 127, Heptasophs; Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M.; Danville Chapter, No. 239, R. A. M.; and he is also a member of the Friendship Fire Company. He has never entered politics. A man of spirit, devoted to his country, the Captain has given ample proof of his patriotism. He is a fine example of the national guardsman, and his long and gallant service entitles him to consideration from the community he has been engaged in protecting. While he has given time and attention to his military duties, he has not neglected his business affairs, and is ranked among the successful men of Montour county.

REED. The Reed family traces back to Jacob Reed, a native of England, born in the year 1700. He married a Miss Wolford, of Switzerland.

Casper Reed, son of Jacob Reed, was born in Lebanon, Pa., and he married Mary E. Bauslock, of Maryland.

Jacob Reed, son of Casper, was born in 1782, and was a farmer in Northumberland county, Pa. His wife was Hannah Wren. One of their sons served as a soldier in the Mexican war.

Jacob Reed, Jr., son of Jacob and Hannah Reed, was born May 22, 1806, in Rush township, Northumberland county, and in 1857

came to Danville, Pa., where he carried on a general store. He continued his farming operations also, in Rush township, until about three years before his death, when he opened another store in Danville, running that until he died. On Jan. 26, 1828, he married Maria Jones, who was born Aug. 4, 1808, in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa., daughter of John and Margaret (Rockefeller) Jones, the former born March 20, 1770, the latter June 13, 1777; she was raised in Huntingdon county, Pa., near Flemington. John Jones was a major in the war of 1812.

Jacob Reed and his wife had ten children, six of whom survive: William J., who, with his brother, built the Danville opera house, now residing at Scranton, Pa.; Josiah, who lives in Texas; Jacob, who lives at the old home; Harriet, who is the widow of Mr. Dye and resides at Des Moines, Iowa; Milliecent, who married E. Sober, residing in Louisiana; and Emma A., who married Dr. Pawley, of St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Hannah J. Herrington, daughter of Jacob Reed, and widow of Dr. Curtis P. Herrington, lived at Danville, Pa., until her death, Dec. 12, 1913. She was born March 13, 1838, in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and was educated in her native place, coming to Danville with her parents in 1857, where she resided until her marriage in 1859. Mrs. Herrington was a member of the First Baptist Church, as was her husband.

FRANCIS MARION GOTWALDS was born in Lower Providence township, Montgomery Co., Pa., three miles from historic Valley Forge, Sept. 27, 1853. He is a son of Martin and Mary (De Haven) Gotwalds.

On the paternal side he is the great-great-grandson of Christian Funk, a bishop of the Mennonite sect and an able man, of much influence, who has become a historical character. During the Revolutionary war the Mennonites were noncombatants, their unwillingness to bear arms proceeding from motives of conscience. Christian Funk was a lover of liberty, and permitting his patriotism to overcome his scruples published a pamphlet urging his brethren to espouse actively the cause of independence and to take up arms against England. The Mennonite Church as a body greatly deprecated the stand taken by Bishop Funk, and a great meeting was held by the sect at Schwenkville, at which he was formally excommunicated. Ever afterward he was known among his Tory neighbors as "Rebel Funk." On the banks of the Skippack creek near Col-

legeville he established an independent church, and continued to preach the gospel until his death. He had a large following. The church has long since disappeared, but in a private cemetery near the site the bones of the "Rebel Bishop" repose.

The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of his native township, later entering the Phoenix Normal Institute at Phoenixville, Pa. In 1874 he became a student at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., but did not complete the course.

Following his natural bent Mr. Gotwalds before attaining his majority became a newspaper writer. As a writer of fiction he met with much encouragement early in life. One of his stories, which became well known, was purchased by S. S. McClure, the magazine publisher, who at that time supplied fiction to a newspaper syndicate. The title of the story was "Blackwood," and the scene was laid near Hazleton. Other stories written by Mr. Gotwalds, which appeared in leading publications, were "With a Silver Bullet," "The Mule Laughed" and "Inalone."

When nineteen years old Mr. Gotwalds became teacher of the public school at Nuremberg, Luzerne Co., Pa. Not only was it his first experience as a teacher, but it was the first time a school had ever been maintained at that place. It is also worthy of note that none of the pupils that presented themselves for enrollment had ever gone to school before. He taught school in the coal region for several years.

In 1883 Mr. Gotwalds was elected principal of the grammar school of the Second ward of the borough of Danville, Pa. In 1884 he became principal of the grammar school of the Fourth ward of that borough, a position which he held until 1891.

In 1897 he became city editor of the *Morning News* of Danville, a position which with the exception of a couple of brief intervals he has held until the present time.

In 1880 Mr. Gotwalds was married to Sara Katherine Hendrickson, of Pottsgrove, Pa. The union was blessed with one son, Claude, who died on March 12, 1889, aged five years.

The subject of this sketch is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a past master of Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M.

WILLIAM THOMAS MADDEN, present auditor of Montour county, and an employee in the State Hospital at Danville, was born March 16, 1859, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., son of William and Letitia (Butler)

Madden. James Madden, his paternal grandfather, was born in Chester county, Pa., and was there married to Rachel Everett.

William Madden, son of James Madden and father of William Thomas Madden, was born Feb. 3, 1819, in Montour county, and all his life was a farmer and butcher, also dealing in cattle. He was well known in his community, and when he passed away, in 1890, Liberty township lost one of its good and public-spirited citizens. He and his wife were the parents of five children, of whom four are living, namely: Flora, who married William W. Herr, of Abilene, Kans.; Margaret, who is the wife of W. J. Leidy, of Liberty township; Elizabeth Jane, who married John Robbin, and also lives in Liberty township; and William Thomas.

William Thomas Madden received his education in the public schools, and afterward worked on the home farm with his father, with whom he learned the trade of butcher. When twenty-three years of age he left the parental roof, and for six years followed his vocation of butcher, but in 1888 became connected with the State Hospital, where he is now one of the oldest employees.

In October, 1892, Mr. Madden was married to Ella Bogart, who was born in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., daughter of Aaron and Anna (Coursen) Bogart, farming people of Liberty township, and granddaughter of John Bogart. Mrs. Madden is one of a family of ten children, all of whom survive. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Madden, namely: Olive, now aged nineteen years; Marvin B. and Olin, sixteen and eight years old, respectively, who are attending school; and Letitia A. and William Ferris, both deceased.

Mr. Madden attends the Presbyterian Church, while his wife is connected with the Methodist denomination and belongs to the Ladies' Aid Society. He has taken a great deal of interest in politics as a member of the Democratic party, and served as tax collector, mercantile appraiser and member of the school board before his election in 1911 as county auditor. This position he has continued to fill to the present time, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned.

JOHN GIBSON BRYAN, a retired mill man of Danville, was born at Linden, Pa., Nov. 17, 1826, son of John Bryan.

Charles Bryan, his grandfather, was a Revolutionary soldier. He was born in Maryland, and came to Pennsylvania, where he followed

farming. His wife, Catherine (Stone), was a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

John Bryan, son of Charles, was born July 26, 1792, in Blackhole Valley, Lycoming Co., Pa., and died in June, 1833. During his mature years he was engaged as a carpenter. He commanded a company of volunteers from Montourville, Lycoming county, in the war of 1812. He married Jane Smith Williams, who was born at Carlisle, Pa., April 19, 1798, and died in February, 1852, and of the six children born to them John Gibson is now the only survivor. We have the following record of this family: Eliza married John Gray; Mary Ann married Henry Phillips, a native of Danville; John Gibson is mentioned below; Catherine married A. B. Still; George lived in Kansas; Charles was a cook at the soldiers' home at Hampton Roads, Virginia. Jane Smith, the mother of Mrs. Jane Smith (Williams) Bryan, came from Ireland with her parents and a number of other relatives in 1793. Yellow fever broke out, and they were held in quarantine for six weeks, during which time her father died of the fever. She and the rest of her folks were held six weeks longer, and then proceeded to Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

John Gibson Bryan received but limited educational advantages, as he began working at the age of ten years, on a farm located in Lycoming (now Anthony) township, Lycoming county, along the West Branch canal. When his father died the responsibility of caring for the family fell upon his shoulders and he continued to farm for years. In 1847 he came to Danville and for a quarter of a century was employed by the Montour Iron Company and later the Rough and Ready Mill, which became the Danville Structural Tubing Works. He then clerked in the store of John C. Rhoades for thirteen years, at the end of that period returning to the Danville Structural Tubing Works, where he was employed until a few years ago. Since then he has been living retired.

On Dec. 22, 1859, Mr. Bryan married Sarah Lewis, who was born in Wales March 15, 1838, daughter of Thomas Lewis, who came to Danville in 1850. He and his wife Mary (Kinn), who died when Mrs. Bryan was only two years old, had the following family: Eliza, Mrs. John Coldman; Annie, Mrs. Joseph Jones; Sarah, Mrs. Bryan; Catherine, who died unmarried; Thomas, and David. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan have had a family of five children: John G., born Dec. 7, 1864, married Mrs. Mary (Kinn) Warren, widow of Augustus Warren, of York, Pa., and daughter

of William and Jane (Esau) Kinn; she is of Welsh descent. Mary Eliza, born May 31, 1867, followed dressmaking until her death, Oct. 5, 1909; she was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Charles D., born July 25, 1870, is mentioned below. Catherine died when four years old. George died in infancy. The sons John G. and Charles D. Bryan are in the general plumbing business at Danville under the firm name of C. & J. Bryan; they also handle all kinds of plumbers' supplies. Both the brothers are members of Beaver Lodge, No. 132, Knights of Pythias, at Danville, and John G. Bryan is also a member of Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M.; he belongs to Christ Memorial Episcopal Church.

Mr. Bryan's political affiliations are with the Democratic party; he has never aspired to public office. He holds no membership in a religious organization, but Mrs. Bryan is a member of Christ Memorial Episcopal Church at Danville. One of the oldest residents of Danville, Mr. Bryan is widely and favorably known, and is held in high regard as one of the county's most estimable men.

**WILLIAM JOHN ROGERS**, a boot and shoe merchant of Danville, Montour Co., Pa., was born in that borough Jan. 27, 1869, a son of Thomas J. Rogers.

Thomas J. Rogers was born in South Wales Nov. 9, 1841, and came to the United States at the age of twenty-two years, in 1863. He was a stonemason, and worked at his trade at Wellsboro, Pa., for a short time. During 1863 he enlisted in the Union army for service during the Civil war, in Company G, 45th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was appointed corporal, serving as such until the close of the war. In 1867 he came to Danville, and continued working at his trade until 1876, when through an accident he lost his leg, and being therefore incapacitated for heavy labor he embarked in a general mercantile business at Danville, conducting same until 1901, when he retired. He died April 19, 1912, and is buried in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery. Mr. Rogers served as a school director, as trustee of the Thomas Beaver Library, and one term as water commissioner, as well as president of the board of trustees of the Grove Presbyterian Church. He was an Odd Fellow, and belonged to the Cemetery Association.

In 1868 Thomas J. Rogers married Mary Evans, of Danville, a daughter of Benjamin D. and Mary (Williams) Evans, the former a

stonemason and contractor. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers became the parents of three children: William John; Maie Rachel, who married Samuel Vaux Border, of Clearfield, Pa., editor and proprietor of the Clearfield *Herald*; and Benjamin Edward, of Danville, who is connected with the Bell Telephone Company, is an Odd Fellow and belongs to the Grove Presbyterian Church (he married Florence Cou-sart).

William John Rogers, son of Thomas J. Rogers, attended public school at Danville, and Bucknell University at Lewisburg, Pa., and then went into his father's store at Danville. In 1898 he embarked in a general shoe business and has continued in this line ever since. Mr. Rogers has been called upon to discharge the duties of many public offices. For years he was a capable school director; for three years he was chief Burgess of Danville; in March, 1911, he was appointed by Governor Tener associate judge of Montour county; he is a trustee of the Thomas Beaver Library; a trustee of the Y. M. C. A.; is a trustee of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church and is serving as secretary of the board; is secretary of the Masonic Hall Association; and is very active as a Republican. He has many social and fraternal associations, being a member of Beaver Lodge, No. 132, Knights of Pythias, of Danville; Lotus Conclave, Improved Order of Heptasophs, of Danville; Danville Lodge, No. 754, B. P. O. Elks, of which he is treasurer; Charles W. Eckman Camp, Sons of Veterans; and is a thirty-second-degree Mason, in the latter connection belonging to Mahoning Lodge, No. 516; F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Danville Chapter, No. 239, R. A. M., of which he is a past high priest and now treasurer; Calvary Commandery, No. 37, K. T., of which he is a past commander; Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg, thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre.

On Feb. 28, 1894, Mr. Rogers was married to Leonora Hullihen, of Danville, Pa., a daughter of Wilford and Martha Hullihen. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have had two children: Mary Martha and Thomas Evans, the latter dying in infancy.

**JOHN HENRY SANDEL**, M. D., a physician and surgeon of Danville, Montour Co., Pa., was born in that county, in Frosty Valley, West Hemlock township, April 11, 1854, son of Jacob and Catherine (Snyder) Sandel.

Jacob Sandel, born Dec. 20, 1823, was a farmer. He was very much devoted to the

Lutheran Church, as well as interested in educational matters; held nearly all of the township offices, and was a man of prominence in his day. He died at the age of seventy-nine years, Dec. 23, 1902. His widow survived until she was eighty-three years old, dying Feb. 14, 1912.

Dr. Sandel was educated in the public schools of his native place and at the Bloomsburg State normal, and took up special studies under Prof. James M. Kelso, of Danville. After leaving school he farmed for a period, and then began the study of medicine in Hahnemann College, Philadelphia, Pa., from which institution he was graduated in March, 1882. Following this he embarked in general practice at Girardville, Pa., and five years thereafter went to Plymouth, Pa., where he was located for four years. In 1911 he came to Danville, Pa. In 1912 he took special courses at the Philadelphia Polyclinic College and Hospital in eye, ear, nose and throat diseases, and now specializes along these lines. He is a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, the Montour County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the Inter-State Medical Society (taking in southern New York and northeastern Pennsylvania). In religious matters he is a Presbyterian, and he is an elder of the Grove Church as well as a member of the session. In fraternal connections he is associated with Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; with Danville Chapter, No. 239, R. A. M., of which he is a past high priest; with Camp No. 137, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Plymouth, Pa.; and is active in these organizations, although he is more enthusiastic about church work. His services to the Grove Presbyterian Church cannot be lightly estimated, and he has always exerted a powerful influence for good among his associates.

In June, 1883, Dr. Sandel was married to E. Margaret Vickery, of Danville, Pa., born April 23, 1858, a daughter of William K. and Emma (Tomlinson) Vickery, of Philadelphia, where Mr. Vickery is a plumber. Dr. and Mrs. Sandel have one son, John Murdock, who was born May 12, 1891, now a student at State College, class of 1914, taking the industrial engineering course.

JOHN GULICK FOSTER, of Danville, member of the firm of Foster Brothers, dealers in stoves and general hardware, is the eldest son of the late James Foster, who as a business man and borough official was one of

the most respected men of the day in his section. He was a native of the North of Ireland, born March 18, 1842, son of Thompson and Elizabeth (Irwin) Foster.

Thompson Foster was of Scotch-Irish extraction, and was born in the North of Ireland. His trade was that of blacksmith and mechanic, which he had learned during his younger days. Leaving his native country he came to the United States, locating in Norristown, Pa., where he followed his trade a short time, and then moved to Danville, Montour county, where he resided about thirty years. He became connected with the mammoth blacksmith shops of the iron works at Danville, where he remained many years, until he retired from the active duties of life and moved to Philadelphia. There he died at the age of seventy-nine years. He was married to Elizabeth Irwin, also a native of the North of Ireland, and they were the parents of the following children: Alexander, Elizabeth, James, Jennie, Thompson, Thomas and Frances. Mr. Foster served as councilman of Danville and as a director of the public schools.

James Foster received his elementary education in the public schools of Danville and then worked with his father, learning the trade of a blacksmith. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, 132d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for a term of nine months, and at the expiration of that time he reenlisted, serving throughout the rest of the war. The most noted battles in which he participated were Antietam (his first battle, in which he was wounded), Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg. At the close of the war he was a member of the 194th Regiment, of which he was first lieutenant. He was honorably discharged in 1865, but again reenlisted, this time in the 214th Regiment, which was discharged in March, 1866, the last regiment from Pennsylvania to be discharged. Returning to Danville, he took up his former trade, which he followed until 1882, working in the rolling mills. On Aug. 7th of that year the Danville Stove Manufacturing Company was organized, with the following officers: Henry Vincent, president; James Foster, superintendent; and W. J. Baldy, treasurer. Later Mr. Foster was secretary and treasurer for years. They purchased the DeLong foundry, which they operated at first on a small scale, but the business increased so rapidly that they were obliged to enlarge their plant; accordingly, they erected a large five-story structure 238 feet long, and added to their force of men. The officers later were: W. B. Chamberlain,



president; James Foster, general manager; J. A. Yorks, treasurer; and J. C. Lynn, secretary. After acting as treasurer and secretary for many years Mr. Foster took up the sales end of the business, on the road, and established agents in all the principal cities east of the Mississippi river. He was with the company until his death. The company manufactures the well-known Beaver Steel Plate Furnace, in which either bituminous coal or anthracite may be used; also parlor heaters and cooking ranges. It is the largest stove company in the eastern part of the State.

In 1864 James Foster was united in marriage to Mary Gulick, a native of Danville, and a daughter of Isaac Gulick, who comes from the oldest families of Montour county, of German origin. The following children were born to them: John G., Elizabeth, Phoebe (deceased), Jennie, Alexander, and James (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Foster were members of St. Paul's Methodist Church, of which he was steward and trustee, holding the latter office many years. He also served as superintendent of the Sunday school. The family occupied a fine residence on Walnut street, which Mr. Foster owned, and he also had other property interests in Danville. He was a member of the I. O. O. F., belonging to Lodge No. 279, and of the G. A. R., Goodrich Post, No. 22, of Danville, and held office in both organizations, serving four years as district deputy for the Odd Fellows, and one term as commander of the G. A. R. post.

Though a busy man with his private affairs Mr. Foster served his fellow citizens very effectively in several capacities, holding the office of chief burgess for two terms, and being one of the committee which organized the waterworks, of which he was superintendent for many years, also acting as secretary. He was elected to the State Legislature, serving two terms. Politically he was a Republican for many years, but favored the Greenback party, and he founded the newspaper known as the *Greenback Record*. For years he was a trustee of the Danville State Hospital for the Insane.

John Gulick Foster was born in Danville Nov. 21, 1865, and was educated there in the public schools. When a young man he clerked in a shoe store for some years, later engaging in the business for himself, also dealing in stoves, and eventually giving up the former line. In 1895 he and his brother Alexander joined interests, establishing the stove and house furnishing business which they have since conducted under the name of Foster

Brothers. The business has prospered greatly, and the Fosters maintain the high standards for which their father was noted and which are associated with the name in Danville.

In 1890 John G. Foster married Elizabeth Thomas, of Danville, and they have had four children: Lillian, now Mrs. Charles D. Emhardt, of Pottsville; James, who is with the Danville Stove Company; Paul, and Miriam, at home.

SAMUEL C. JAYNE, cashier of the First National Bank of Berwick, Pa., has been a resident of the borough since shortly after the Civil war and associated with the First National Bank since 1868, in his present capacity since early in 1869. The development of his business ability has kept steady pace with its increasing responsibilities.

Mr. Jayne was born in Wyoming county, Pa., Dec. 20, 1838. His father was Rev. John Jayne, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who married Eunice, daughter of Rev. Jabez Carver, a minister of the M. E. Church. Their children were: Samuel C., Rufus W. and Charles B.

Samuel C. Jayne was educated at the common schools of Wyoming county, in Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pa., and at the University of Michigan, in the class of 1866. Going to Janesville, Wis., he enlisted there in the 40th Wisconsin Volunteers. After a short service he was discharged on account of sickness, and returned home, remaining until he had recovered his health. For a short time following Mr. Jayne engaged in teaching school in Wyoming county and in 1867 came to Berwick, where he was engaged as principal of public schools. On Nov. 30, 1868, he accepted a position with the First National Bank of Berwick and on Jan. 12, 1869, was made cashier, a position which he has held continuously since.

In 1869 Mr. Jayne was married to Harriet, daughter of Rev. John A. Gere, a minister and presiding elder of the Methodist Church, connected with the Baltimore Conference and later with the Central Pennsylvania Conference. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jayne, Samuel C., Jr., who died at the age of two and a half years, and J. Gere, born May 12, 1874.

Mr. S. C. Jayne has served as school director for several terms and also as member of the town council. He is prominent in all town affairs and is a member of the M. E. Church of Berwick, which he served as treasurer for fifteen years. One of the oldest resi-

dents of the borough and one of the most prominent in financial affairs, he is well known.

**COTNER.** The Cotner family is one held in high esteem in Montour county, and its history is interesting and well worthy of preservation in a work of this nature.

George Cotner founded the family in Derry township, coming here at a very early date and locating at Strawberry Ridge.

Conrad Cotner, son of George Cotner, was born in Lycoming county, Pa., and died in Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., Feb. 22, 1892, aged eighty-two years. In the spring of 1850 he left the farm he had been cultivating in Lycoming county, and came to Montour county. He married Mary Ann Dye, who died at the age of seventy-six years, on the evening of the day her husband passed away, and they were laid to rest in the same grave. She was a daughter of Vincent Dye, who was a native of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Cotner had ten children, of whom four survive: Frank, who is a resident of Limestone township; Dallas James, of Liberty township; George P.; and Hiram P., of Washingtonville.

**GEORGE P. COTNER**, a farmer and stockman of Derry township, Montour Co., Pa., was born in Lycoming county Aug. 18, 1847. After attending the schools of his neighborhood Mr. Cotner worked on his father's farm until 1871, when he began farming for himself in Limestone township, continuing thus for a period of thirty-one years. At the expiration of that time he came to his present home in Derry township, where he is continuing his agricultural operations, making a specialty of raising hogs, particularly Berkshires. He also raises White Leghorn poultry, which he ships to the nearby markets. His operations have met with gratifying success, fairly and honorably earned, the natural outcome of his industrious efforts.

George P. Cotner married Amanda Cotner, born in Lycoming county, Pa., in 1845, a daughter of Philip and Rachel (Dye) Cotner. The Cotner and Dye families are thus connected by marriage in several generations, on both sides of the house. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. George P. Cotner: Hiram Elmer is mentioned at length below; Delroy died aged twenty-two years; John F., a farmer of Derry township, married Virgie Cooper, and they have six children, Chester, Mary, Martha, Basil, Ruth and George; Blanche married Charles Hoff-

man of Limestone township, and has four children, Owen, Mildred, Paul and Ida; Ida is the wife of Harvey Diehl, of Greenwood township, Columbia county.

The Lutheran Church holds the membership of Mr. Cotner and benefits by his generosity. An enthusiastic Democrat, he has always worked hard to support the principles of his party, and has been honored with offices, having served two terms as county treasurer and as school director many years.

**HIRAM ELMER COTNER**, son of George P. Cotner, principal of the schools of Washingtonville, Derry township, Montour Co., Pa., was born May 30, 1871, in Limestone township, same county. After completing the courses at the public schools of the township, and later taking a special course in Lock Haven normal school, in 1903-04, Mr. Cotner began what was to be really his life work, although he has also made a good record for himself in the business world. From the time he was eighteen until he was twenty-eight years old he devoted all of his abilities to teaching school. Then, desiring a change, he entered into a general merchandise business in partnership with M. C. Diehl, but five years later sold and resumed his scholastic work. Until 1913 he continued teaching in Derry township, and in that year his talents were given appropriate recognition by his appointment to the principalship he now is holding with such dignified capability.

On March 27, 1908, Professor Cotner was married to Izora C. Heddens, born May 11, 1886, in Washingtonville, Pa., a daughter of Amandus Levers Heddens, proprietor of "Heddens Hotel," at Washingtonville. Mr. Heddens married Alice Barbara Mowrer, of Snyder county, Pa., and they have had three children: Clyde, born Aug. 12, 1880, who is at home; Lawrence, born May 2, 1896, a student of the Bloomsburg normal school; and Mrs. Cotner. Professor and Mrs. Cotner have had three children: Alda Marie, born Aug. 18, 1909; James Heddens, born Nov. 16, 1910; Frank Woodrow, born Aug. 22, 1913.

Both Professor and Mrs. Cotner were reared in the Lutheran faith and are active in religious work, Mr. Cotner at present acting as secretary of the church council. For many years he served as superintendent of the Sunday school, and was a powerful factor in its upbuilding. Mrs. Cotner was organist of the Sunday school from the time she was twelve years old until her marriage. Mr. Cotner is a Democrat, and has been honored by his party

upon several occasions. Since 1911 he has been a justice of the peace, now serving his second term. His judgments are sound and practical and are usually sustained by the higher courts. For one term he served as assessor of the borough of Washingtonville, held the same office for Derry township, and is now clerk of the school board of Washingtonville borough. He has rendered valuable service as delegate at various conventions of his party. He is not only a member of and enthusiastic worker in the Modern Woodmen of America at Washingtonville, but is serving that order as secretary. He is also interstate agent for the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, and writes some important business for this reliable concern.

Professor Cotner is a man of high principles and keen sense of honor, and he has exerted a beneficent influence over his pupils. In the wider field which has recently opened up to him, he will have opportunity further to extend his usefulness both as an instructor and as a citizen.

JAMES S. WATTS came to his present homestead in Limestone township, Montour county, over fifty-one years ago, and after a busy life as a farmer and carpenter is now living in comfortable retirement. Mr. Watts was born April 8, 1834, in Lewis township, Northumberland Co., Pa., son of Thomas M. Watts, and the family has long been settled in that county, where it was established by James Watts, great-grandfather of James S. Watts. He was scalped by the Indians while on his farm in Northumberland county and buried in the woods on his property, but his grave has never been located. His son James was the grandfather of James S. Watts. The family came into this region from the State of New Jersey.

Thomas M. Watts, father of James S. Watts, was born in 1800 in Northumberland county, followed farming all his life, and died in 1877. He married Mary Lily, of the same county, born in 1802, daughter of George Lily, and she died at the age of eighty-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Watts had nine children, of whom the following survive: Elizabeth, in Indiana, widow of John Heffner; Ellen, widow of Levi Fulmer, of McEwensville; Sarah, wife of William Stahl, of Allenwood, Pa.; and James S.

James S. Watts attended school near home during his early boyhood, but when only twelve years old began to work regularly at farming, and was so occupied until he reached

the age of nineteen. He then served a year as apprentice to the carpenter's trade, at which he afterward worked throughout his active days, following it for forty-four years in all. During that time he put up many barns in this vicinity, and their substantial construction is as much evidence of his high sense of honor in all transactions as it is of his first-class workmanship. Meantime he also carried on farming, having bought the fine property in Limestone township which he occupied after his marriage. Besides laboring industriously to look after his own interests he has taken some part in township affairs, having served one year as tax receiver and for many terms as member of the school board, and his work was highly acceptable to his fellow citizens. He has been a Democrat in political connection.

On Dec. 9, 1858, Mr. Watts married Nancy A. Savage, who was born Aug. 21, 1836, in Limestone township, daughter of Benjamin Savage and granddaughter of John Savage, who followed his son Benjamin to what is now Montour county; his wife was Hannah DeWitt. The family is one of old standing in the county. Benjamin Savage, father of Mrs. Watts, was born in New Jersey, and came to what is now Montour county when twenty-one years old, settling on a farm. He was a shoemaker, and followed his trade as well as farming. He died in 1870 at the age of seventy-eight years. He married Esther Hunter, daughter of Robert and Jane (Wallace) Hunter, and she died in 1871, at the age of seventy-four. They were the parents of fifteen children, of whom Mrs. Watts is the only survivor.

Mr. and Mrs. Watts have had three children, two of whom survive: William, now a farmer in Limestone township, and also a carpenter, married Emma Albeck, and they have three children, Hunter, Lawrence and James; Thomas, also a carpenter, married Emma Schook, of Limestone township, and has two children, Jennie (graduate of a business college at Norristown, Pa., now a bookkeeper and living in Norristown) and Frank W.

In 1908 Mr. and Mrs. Watts celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding, and relations and friends to the number of 115 attended and helped to make the occasion joyous and truly memorable. All but two of the family who had been present at their wedding were there at the golden wedding, as well as their descendants. They received many valuable presents. Mrs. Watts was brought up

in the faith of the Baptist Church and is a member at Turbotville; Mr. Watts was reared in the Presbyterian Church, and is a member at Warrior Run, Northumberland county—the oldest Presbyterian Church in this section.

JESSE KLASE, a retired contractor of Danville, was born in that town June 13, 1845, and is a son of Henry Klase, a native of Snyderstown, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania.

The annals of the Klase family have been gathered by John Hower Klase, of Snyderstown, from whom are obtained the following facts. The name is of German origin and is variously spelled Kloss, Klesz, Kloesz, Kloess, Clase, Glase, Glos, Glosz and Kleiss. All of these are modifications of the same name, and their bearers are probably descended from the same common ancestor. From the "Archives of Pennsylvania" it is found that Johanas Kloss (in the tax records of Bethlehem township Johannes Kloess) landed in Philadelphia on Nov. 22, 1752, from the ship "Phoenix," Reuben Houer, captain, from Rotterdam and Cowes. The emigration records of Philadelphia show the names of Klosses as early as 1732, evidently from the same family, but this Johanas Kloss is the ancestor from whom the family in this county can be traced. From the records in Easton, Pa., it is learned that he lived and died in the neighborhood of Bethlehem, his will, on record there, making grants of money and lands to his children, who were as follows: Valentine, Philip, John, Jacob, Catherine, Michael, Elizabeth (wife of Michael Young), Annie Marie and Christina.

Valentine Klase, the eldest son of Johanas, was a resident of Bethlehem township, Northampton county, where he owned a farm of 200 acres in the section known as "Dry Land." This farm appeared on the tax list of 1788, the Klase burying ground being located on it. Valentine was a member of the 4th Company of Militia of the Continental army and served through the campaign of 1778, for which he was granted a tract of land, but never took it up. He was a farmer until his death in April, 1812. He married Eva Smiten, born Oct. 1, 1776, who died Aug. 2, 1838, and was buried in St. John's Lutheran cemetery at Snyderstown. Their children were: Jacob, Abraham, Michael, Valentine, Jr., Henry, Mary, Eva and Catherine.

Henry Klase, son of Valentine, Sr., was born near Bethlehem, Northampton county,

educated in the subscription schools in German and English, and went to Snyderstown in 1817, conducting a general store and gristmill there; he hauled his goods from Philadelphia by team. After his marriage he sold his store and moved to Danville, where he ran a barge on the Pennsylvania canal for a number of years in the coal trade. He then retired. He married Sarah, daughter of John Smith, of Snyderstown, and they had these children: David and Daniel, who were killed in the Civil war; Lydia, wife of Harrison Lavenburg—both deceased; Mary Jane, widow of Frank Kessler, of Utica, N. Y.; John Wellington, who married Emma Gouger; Henry, who married Clara Hoffman, of Danville; Jesse, mentioned below; and Jacob. Of these sons, five served in the Civil war, two of them being killed. Mr. Klase was a member of the Lutheran Church at Snyderstown, and when he died, in 1853, was buried in the cemetery adjoining the church. After his death his widow lived with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Kessler. She died at the age of sixty-eight, and is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Danville.

Jesse Klase was taken to Irish Valley, Northumberland county, after his father's death, to live with a Mr. Lerch, a friend of the family. There he remained and attended school until his eighteenth year, when he returned to Danville and started to learn the trade of tanner. He found that it would be of little value to learn this trade, which was fast being driven out of use by modern machinery and methods, so after a term of six months he went to work with his brother-in-law, Frank Kessler, to learn the trade of plasterer. He remained at this trade for three years and then enlisted in the 104th Pa. Vol. Inf., the regiment being recruited at Lebanon, Pa. He served but three months, and was then mustered out at Philadelphia. There he reenlisted, in the 94th Pennsylvania, and was mustered in at Bermuda Hundred, Va., was sent to the front, and reached his regiment just after the battle of Petersburg. He did guard duty until after the assassination of Lincoln and then was mustered out and returned to Danville.

After the Civil war Mr. Klase followed his trade continuously until within three years before this writing (1914), when he retired. He worked for a time in New York City with John J. Tucker, builder and contractor, and James Thompson, a contractor from Canada. With the exception of the time spent in New York, he has confined his contracts to the

town of Danville. He was married Dec. 25, 1867, to Helen Marion, daughter of Lewis and Charlotte B. (Lunger) Hoffman, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. H. Cornman. Their children were: (1) Lillian May, born Sept. 9, 1868, is unmarried; (2) Franklin Lewis, born Jan. 14, 1870, married Grace McHenry, of Benton, Columbia county; (3) Carrie, born Aug. 30, 1871, married John F. Watson, of Bloomsburg; (4) Joseph Walton, born Nov. 17, 1873, died Jan. 13, 1874; (5) Edward Ellis, born June 11, 1875, is unmarried; (6) Harry Earp, born Sept. 17, 1877, married Genevieve Niel, resides in Harrisburg, and has four children, Sarah Elizabeth (born March 15, 1907), Helen Marion (born Nov. 25, 1908), Bernard McMackin (born Feb. 21, 1910) and John Watson (born May 18, 1911); (7) Bessie Marion, born Oct. 26, 1880, is a nurse in California; (8) George West, born June 17, 1882, married Mary Moyer, and lives in Tamaqua (they have had two children, Jean and Robert Victor, the former deceased); (9) Heber, born April 27, 1888, died Oct. 14, 1888.

Mr. Klase is a Republican in politics, but has never been active in the party. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, of Danville, of which he has been deacon for many years. He is a member of Goodrich Post, No. 22, G. A. R., and Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., of which latter he is a past master. His wife, Helen Marian Hoffman, was born Sept. 27, 1847, in Danville, attended the public schools, and resided at home until her marriage. She is an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and teacher of a class in the Sunday school.

Lewis Hoffman, father of Mrs. Klase, was born in Danville and was the son of a saddler of that town, which trade he learned from his father and followed for many years, having a shop on the east end of his lot in that town. He was appointed sexton of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, which position he held until his death, Dec. 8, 1894, at the age of seventy-six. He was appointed general grave digger of the town to succeed his father-in-law, John Lunger, and worked in the Presbyterian, Lutheran and Episcopal cemeteries. During the last years of his life he gave up his occupation of grave digger, but continued as sexton of the Mahoning Church until his death, his wife and daughter assisting him with the work.

Mr. Hoffman married Charlotte B., daughter of John and Mary (Young) Lunger, and they had children: Clara J., wife of

Henry Klase, of Danville; and Helen Marian, wife of Jesse Klase. Mrs. Charlotte B. Hoffman died March 1, 1853, at the age of thirty-four years, six months, twenty-four days, and is buried in the old Grove cemetery, now the Memorial Park, Danville. Mr. Hoffman married (second) Margaret Pensinger, and they had one child, Dr. Joseph Ellis Hoffman. The second wife is buried in Grove cemetery. Mr. Hoffman's third wife was Margaret Alleger, and they had one child, Minnie, who is living in Danville. He and his third wife are laid to rest in Fairview cemetery, Danville. Mr. Hoffman was a Democrat, and a strong adherent of the General Council branch of the Lutheran Church.

John Lunger, mentioned above, was sexton and general grave digger for many years in the town of Danville. He married Mary Young, and they had seven children: Jacob, who died in New York State; John; Hannah, married to Mr. Roan and (second) to Mr. Dixon; Mary, married to Thomas Ellis and (second) to Heckman Freame; Sarah, wife of Samuel Garrett; Charlotte B., wife of Lewis Hoffman; and Margaret, who married Mr. Haas and (second) Daniel Everett. Mrs. Lunger lived to be over ninety years old. She and her husband are buried in Grove cemetery. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church.

JAMES BUCHANAN POLLOCK has a fine farm of 124 acres half a mile from Washingtonville, in Derry township, Montour county, in which locality the Pollocks have been settled for a century or more. The family is of Scotch-Irish origin, and his great-grandfather, its first representative in what is now Montour county, came to this country from the North of Ireland and thereafter lived in Pennsylvania. He located first in one of the lower counties, then moving to what was then Northumberland (now Montour) county and settling near Exchange. His tract of 200 acres was afterward owned by Patrick Dennin and William Pollock. Here he lived until his death. He and his wife are buried at Derry Presbyterian Church.

James Pollock, grandfather of James B. Pollock, was born June 23, 1777, in one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania, and came to this county with his parents. Here he was married to Elizabeth Scout, born Oct. 26, 1782, and they lived at first on part of the old homestead later owned by Patrick Dennin. In 1823 he went to the vicinity of Muncy,

Lycoming Co., Pa., resided there until 1837, and then returned to Montour county, to spend the rest of his days on the old homestead, which he had purchased two years prior to his return. He died Dec. 14, 1861, his wife having preceded him Oct. 15, 1859, and both are interred at the Derry Church. They were the parents of a large family: Samuel died Dec. 26, 1878, aged seventy-two years, ten months, ten days; Thomas, who lived principally in Anthony township, Montour county, and served as sheriff of the county, died in Muncy Creek township, Lycoming county; William S. is mentioned below; Euphemia D. died in Derry township Aug. 30, 1905, aged seventy-six years, three months, seven days; Elizabeth married John Caldwell, of Anthony township; Margaret J., born May 8, 1818, died July 20, 1875; Mary married William Guyer, of Danville, Pa., who died Sept. 7, 1879, aged sixty-one years, seven months, ten days; Charlotte, born Jan. 1, 1810, died Jan. 2, 1886, unmarried; Anna M. died Jan. 24, 1877, aged sixty years, nine months, twenty days, unmarried; Jane Harriet married Henry Biddle, of Whitehall, Montour county; one or two children died in infancy.

William Scout Pollock was born July 8, 1822, in what is now Anthony township, Montour county, while the family resided on the land later owned by Patrick Dennin. The next spring the family removed to Muncy Creek, Lycoming county, returning after fifteen years to Montour county, where, with the exception of eighteen months spent in the West, William S. lived until a few years before his death, which occurred in Washingtonville. Farming was always his occupation, he having a farm of 100 acres. He was married Dec. 25, 1855, to Susan Anne Harriet McKee, a native of Montour county, born March 24, 1828, daughter of James McKee. For eighteen months after their marriage they resided in Kankakee and Freeport, Ill., later returning to Montour county and occupying the eastern part of the old homestead. Mrs. Pollock died May 14, 1861, and is buried in the Derry churchyard. She was the mother of two children: James B., born in Freeport, Ill., and Bruce B., born in Anthony township, this county, who lived on his father's farm until his death, Jan. 29, 1897. Mr. Pollock was married (second) by Rev. John Johnson, on March 14, 1873, to Margaret Elizabeth, daughter of John F. Derr, colonel in the army which went to Black Rock in 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Pollock became members of the Presbyterian Church, the former joining about 1851, and the latter in 1862,

and he was for twenty-one years one of the elders. In politics he was a Prohibitionist, and he held the offices of supervisor, school director, assessor and judge. He was a full cousin of Governor Pollock. Mr. Pollock died March 5, 1913, and is buried at Derry Church. His widow is now over eighty years of age.

James Buchanan Pollock was born Dec. 27, 1857, in Freeport, Ill., and was but an infant when his parents returned to Pennsylvania. He obtained an excellent education in the public schools, and in his young manhood was himself a public school teacher for eight years, an experience which he has turned to good account in his service as school director, which office he filled for twelve years. He was reared to farming, and since he gave up teaching has devoted all of his time to that calling. His fine farm in Derry township bears many evidences of all-around intelligent care, for he favors modern methods and is applying them wherever practicable in his own work. He is considered one of the most progressive agriculturists in his township. Mr. Pollock has been actively associated with public affairs in his locality, and is well known for the part he has taken in political matters, having served on the election board, as member of the township auditing committee, and has held all the township offices, being at this writing overseer of the poor. He is associated with the Democratic party. He is a leading member of the Presbyterian Church at Washingtonville, and serves as trustee.

On Oct. 12, 1882, Mr. Pollock married Margaret Catherine Dean, a native of Montour county, born July 23, 1859, daughter of Joseph and Mary Ann (Geringer) Dean, and they have had six children: Warren Dean, born Dec. 16, 1885, a stenographer in the employ of the New York Central Railway Company, now located at Corning, N. Y., married Edith Brion, of Williamsport, Pa.; Mary Ann, born March 18, 1895, Miles, born March 4, 1899, and Robert Earl, born Sept. 17, 1903, are at home; Clay McKee, born Oct. 3, 1887, died Sept. 21, 1893; James Stewart, born July 23, 1892, died Oct. 6, 1900.

Joseph Dean, grandfather of Mrs. James B. Pollock, first married a Pollock, and by her had three children: Margaret, Mrs. McDowell; Esther, who died unmarried; and Joseph, who married twice. By his second wife, Adeline (Cole), Joseph (Sr.) had the following children: William, whose wife's maiden name was Gouger; Oliver H., who married Fannie Mason; Arsula, who married Daniel Gouger;

Martha, who married Capt. Samuel Bryson; Mary, Mrs. Clinger; Alice, Mrs. Foster; Helen, who died unmarried; and a daughter that died young.

Joseph Dean, father of Mrs. Pollock, born July 6, 1823, died Feb. 6, 1902. He married Sept. 27, 1849, Mary Ann Geringer, and they had three children: Joseph Elwood, born May 12, 1855, died when eight years old; Margaret Catherine, born July 23, 1859, married James B. Pollock; John Wallace, born Oct. 8, 1861, married Ella Foust and lives in Limestone township, Montour county. The mother died in January, 1883, in Liberty township, and on Oct. 17, 1886, Mr. Dean married (second) Margaret B. Cornelison, who was born Oct. 31, 1849, daughter of William and Jane (Bond) Cornelison. By this union there were five children: Calvin H., born Sept. 3, 1887, deceased April 2, 1907; Joseph, born Jan. 13, 1889; Frank, born March 9, 1890, deceased Nov. 28, 1908; Martha, born June 11, 1891, deceased March 14, 1894; Myrtie B., born May 6, 1892, deceased May 3, 1910.

HENRY WINTERSTEEN belongs to a family which has been established in Valley township, in what is now Montour county, for about a century, and which has intermarried with other old families of this section, the ancestors, like the present-day representatives of this stock, being thrifty, substantial and most respected people.

William Wintersteen, the grandfather of Henry Wintersteen, lived and died in the State of New Jersey, and he and his wife are buried there. They had children as follows: Jane married James Hann, of Scott township, Columbia Co., Pa.; Hannah married John Blue, of Valley township; Mary married John Campbell, of Bradford county, Pa.; Elizabeth died unmarried; Dr. William moved out to Ohio; Henry is mentioned below.

Henry Wintersteen, son of William, was born Sept. 10, 1798, in New Jersey, and was reared and educated there, though he was still a boy when he came to Valley township, in what is now Montour county, Pa. The country was then covered with forests, and he assisted in clearing away the timber, built log houses and barns, and engaged in the other occupations typical of the times. In the winter time, being earnest in his desire to acquire an education, he walked to Maudsall to school, and often saw wolves on his way. As he grew older he bought about six hundred acres of land, and as he cleared it of timber

started to till the soil, following farming up to within two years of his death. His brother William, being a cripple, could not do hard manual work, so he studied medicine and became a doctor, in time settling in the State of Ohio. Henry Wintersteen first married Mary Gingles, of Jerseytown, Columbia county, and they had two children: William, who married Mary Sidler, and Reuben, who married Phoebe Wilson. The mother died in Valley township, and was buried at Jerseytown. Mr. Wintersteen's second marriage was to Lydia Ebner, who was born March 15, 1810, in Northampton county, Pa., daughter of Conrad and Catherine (Wertman) Ebner, the latter from Lehigh county, Pa. Ten children were born to this union, namely: Harriet, wife of Alexander Carr; Rachel, wife of Nathaniel Bennett; James, who died in infancy; John W., who married Catherine Crossley; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Yeager; Henry, mentioned below; David, who married Catherine Moser; Jacob, who married Martha Blee; Lydia Jane, who married Levi Moser; and Dr. George, who married Hannah Roat. Henry Wintersteen, the father, died at the age of sixty-eight years, Dec. 24, 1866, and his wife died Aug. 29, 1886. They are buried in Straub's cemetery in Valley township, and were members of Straub's Lutheran Church, of the General Council, in whose work he was very active. He was a lifelong Democrat, and held all the township offices, giving satisfaction in the discharge of every responsibility intrusted to him. He was a member of the Danville Cavalry Company.

Mrs. Lydia (Ebner) Wintersteen, mother of Henry Wintersteen, was a daughter of Conrad Ebner, a farmer, who came to Montour county from Lehigh county, Pa., and settled in Derry township, where he died. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Wertman, are buried at Strawberry Ridge, Montour county. On political questions Mr. Ebner was a Democrat. His children, besides Mrs. Wintersteen, were as follows: John, who married Rebecca Bennett and lived in Lycoming county, Pa.; George, who went to New York State; Jacob, who married Lydia Cooper; David, who was twice married; a daughter who married George Cooper; Mary, who married William Robbins; and Daniel, who married Leah Crossley.

Henry Wintersteen was born May 2, 1841, in Valley township, and obtained his education there in the Hendrickson and Sidler schools. Thereafter he worked on his father's farm until his enlistment in the Union



army, Oct. 21, 1862, joining at Danville, and being mustered in at Harrisburg as a member of Company F, 178th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was assigned to the 4th Brigade, Army of the Potomac. The regiment was not full, and though it saw continuous service was never engaged in any of the hotly contested battles, being assigned principally to secret, picket and provost duty, mostly on the peninsula between the York and James rivers. At the time of the battle of Gettysburg the regiment was twelve miles south of Richmond, Va. Mr. Wintersteen was mustered out at Harrisburg the latter part of July, 1863. His officers were Capt. John A. Winner and Col. James Johnson, and they were under the command of General Keyes.

Returning to Valley township at the close of his army service, Mr. Wintersteen continued to help his father on the farm until the fall of 1863, when he found work in a stone quarry where he was employed until spring. Then he married and commenced farming on his own account in Valley township, after his father's death, which occurred in 1866, buying sixty-five acres of the homestead place, thirty acres of this tract being cleared land. For over forty years he continued farming there very successfully, in 1908 selling that property and moving to the Ephraim Bowers farm near Mooresburg, which he rented and cultivated for a few years. His health failing in 1913 he gave up active labor, selling his farm machinery and stock and retiring to enjoy the fruits of his industrious life. There are few citizens of Valley township more generally known than Mr. Wintersteen, and none is held in higher regard. His long service in public office has shown him to be a citizen who may be trusted to safeguard the interests of his community so far as his influence and example are concerned, and he has been repeatedly chosen to positions of trust, having served as school director ten years, as overseer of the poor ten years, as tax receiver six years and as constable one year. Politically he has always been associated with the Democratic party. As a member of St. John's Reformed Church at Maudsdale he has done much for the support of religion in his neighborhood, was formerly deacon of that church and is serving at the present time as elder; he is also a teacher in the Sunday school, of which he was superintendent one year. As a veteran of the Civil war he is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, belonging to Goodrich Post, No. 22, of Danville.

Mr. Wintersteen married Catherine Kisner, who was born May 23, 1839, in Madison township, Columbia county, daughter of Samuel Kisner, and died Aug. 6, 1909, the mother of the following children: (1) Laura P., born Dec. 8, 1864, received her education in Valley township, and has always lived there with her parents. She is an active worker in the Reformed Church at Maudsdale. (2) Samuel Henry, born April 29, 1868, received his education in Valley township, and when a young man spent some time in the West, running a sawmill there for two years. For four years he was employed as fireman at the State hospital at Danville, and is now engaged in farming as tenant on the farm of Stewart Curry, in Valley township, where he has resided for the last eleven years. He married Mary Baylor, and they have four children, born as follows: Emma Catherine, March 8, 1904; Henry Edwin, Aug. 13, 1907; Laura Edith, July 22, 1909; and Samuel Arthur, Feb. 19, 1912. Mr. Wintersteen has been auditor of Valley township for three years, is a Democrat in politics, and holds membership in the Reformed Church at Maudsdale. (3) Robert Victor, born Aug. 20, 1875, received his education in Valley township and at the Danville Academy, and has been engaged in farming ever since he began work. He is a member of the Reformed Church at Maudsdale.

Samuel Kisner, father of Mrs. Henry Wintersteen, was born April 2, 1803, and came of German stock. He was educated in Madison township, Columbia county, and learned the trade of wheelwright, following it almost up to the time of his death, for twenty-five years having a shop near Jerseytown, Columbia county. About 1858 he moved to Millville, that county, where he had a shop until shortly before his death, which was caused by dropsy, when he was sixty-five years old. For many years he was one of the most respected citizens of Madison township, where he held the office of justice of the peace for fourteen years. He was a Democrat and active in politics, and his religious connection was with the Dutch Hill Reformed Church. His wife, Catherine (Evart), died Aug. 17, 1858, aged forty-nine years, one month, thirteen days, and they are buried at the Dutch Hill Church. Their children were: Joseph Patten, who died when four years old; Eustena, who married Robert Stout; Rebecca, who married Wesley DeMott; and Catherine, Mrs. Henry Wintersteen.



HON. CHARLES A. SHAFFER, member of the Pennsylvania State Legislature, residing at Berwick, Pa., was born Sept. 24, 1867, in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, son of David and Caroline (White) Shaffer.

David Shaffer, the grandfather of Charles A. Shaffer, was born in Germany, and as a young man came to the United States, settling in Briarcreek township, where he became a prominent agriculturist and owner of several farms. He also took an active part in local political affairs, and was widely known in Columbia county.

David Shaffer, son of David, and father of Charles A. Shaffer, was born in 1833 on his father's homestead farm in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., and was engaged in farming on his father's farm, adjoining the Knob Schoolhouse, to the time of his death, which occurred Oct. 13, 1877. He married Caroline White, who was born Jan. 24, 1847, daughter of John D. White, an agriculturist of Fishingcreek township, and she still survives, residing at Berwick. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer: Hon. Charles A., of Berwick, Pa.; Rev. Theodore B., late pastor of the Christian Church at Berwick; Torrence L., of Sayre, Pa., in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; Fannie M., the wife of Ira Bower, of Berwick; and J. David, who is also in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, at Sayre, Pa. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Shaffer married Ira Letteer, who is also deceased, and they had one daughter, Eltha, now the wife of James Armstrong, a business man of Wilkes-Barre, residing at Westmoor.

Charles A. Shaffer, son of David Shaffer, received his early education in the country schools of Briarcreek and Centre townships, and later attended Orangeville Academy, in this county, following his graduation from which he began teaching school. He remained thus engaged only a short period, however, then turning his attention to clerking in stores in Berwick, Rupert and Catawissa, and in 1884, at the latter place, he was employed in the furniture and undertaking business with T. E. Harder; he also learned the cabinet-making trade. This connection continued until 1887, when Mr. Shaffer resigned his position, and for the three years following was on the road as a traveling representative for the Powers & Walker Casket Company, of Grand Rapids, Mich. He then changed to the Harrisburg Burial Case Company, of Har-

risburg, Pa., in the employ of which concern he remained until becoming a member of the firm, and has continued as such to the present time, the period of his connection with this house covering some twenty-five years. He is a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Embalming and Sanitation, and of several other large schools of embalming and sanitation. Mr. Shaffer has also been interested in various other enterprises, and is a director in the Berwick Savings and Trust Company Bank. A stalwart Democrat in his political views, he has ever taken an active part in promoting his party's success, has been a delegate to several County and State Democratic conventions, and attended three national conventions of his party. In November, 1910, he became the Democratic candidate for representative of his county in the General Assembly of Pennsylvania. In the election which followed he carried fifty-four out of the fifty-five districts, and in November, 1912, was reelected. In 1913 he was honored with the Democratic nomination for speaker of the House. In 1914 he was again nominated by his party for the third time, and was elected by a large majority, carrying all but nine of the fifty-five districts in the county.

Mr. Shaffer's career in the Legislature has been a remarkable one for a new member. He has served on many important committees, among others being those on Appropriations, Ways and Means, Judiciary Apportionment, Law and Order, Public Health and Sanitation. Mr. Shaffer takes a deep interest in the affairs of his own county, and has given his best efforts to his constituents. He has supplied almost every public school in the county with a cabinet collection; was instrumental in giving ten free scholarships to the Universities and Colleges of the State to worthy boys and girls from his county, secured more than twenty-five positions for his constituents in the State employ, and procured increased State appropriations for the hospital at Bloomsburg and the one at Berwick. Through his efforts the new Berwick hospital was built, the Bloomsburg hospital has also been built during his term of office, and many new laws for the benefit of his county and State have been passed. He caused the organization of the board for the Mother's Pension Act in Columbia County, and secured the necessary action by the county commissioners.

Nearly a hundred people have had free treatment at the State institutions through Mr. Shaffer's efforts. Representative Shaffer was



*Chas A. Shaffer*



one of the twenty men selected by Governor Tener as a commission from the Keystone State to the Panama Pacific Exposition, and with the governor and others of the commission recently, in 1913, made a trip to California in the interests of Pennsylvania. Though urged by many of his constituents to become a candidate for Congress in 1914 he declined then for future consideration. Mr. Shaffer has been prominent in fraternal circles, being a past master of Perseverance Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 21, Harrisburg, Pa., and later becoming a member of Knapp Lodge; is also a thirty-second-degree Mason, member of Caldwell Consistory; is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Masonic Club. He belongs to the United Evangelical Church, has served as one of its trustees, and is a member of the general board of commissioners of the church on church union, elected by the General Conference; a member of general board of publication; a trustee of Albright College, Myerstown, Pa., of the church extension board of his conference, of the Bible Conference Society, of the Educational Aid Society, of the Old Folks' Home, and on other boards.

On June 30, 1897, Mr. Shaffer was married to Mary A. Lamon, daughter of Joseph and Matilda (Fowler) Lamon, early settlers of Columbia county. Mr. Lamon, who was a lifelong farmer, died Feb. 28, 1903, while the mother still survives and makes her home with Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer. There were eight children in the Lamon family: Boyd, now a resident of Independence, Mo.; Hugh, deceased; William, who lives in Briarcreek township; Crawford and Seymour, who are both deceased; Mary A., the wife of Mr. Shaffer; Seth, a farmer and dairyman of Briarcreek township; and Percy, who is deceased.

The beautiful family home is situated on East Front street, Berwick. Besides this, Mr. Shaffer owns other valuable property. A self-made man, while succeeding himself he has assisted others to prosperity, and at all times has manifested a most considerable interest in the welfare of his community. In his high official position he has been able to secure many valuable benefits for his people, and it is doubtful if there is a representative in the State who is more popular with his constituents.

JACOB LORENZO KLINE, a substantial business man of Danville, Pa., dealer in ice and also engaged in teaming and general hauling, was born at Paxinos, Northumberland Co., Pa., Aug. 3, 1871, son of Jacob and Mary (Yeager) Kline.

Jacob Kline, the grandfather of Jacob L. Kline, was born in Shamokin township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and was educated in the district schools of that township. In early life he adopted the vocation of farmer, but later turned his attention to boating on the Pennsylvania canal and continued to be so engaged until the time of his death. He married Rebecca Moore, and they became the parents of these children: Anna, who married Benjamin Bohner; Isaac DeWitt, who married Sarah Chamberlin; Jacob, the father of Jacob Lorenzo; and a daughter who married Peter Schlegel. The grandparents were both buried at Deibler's station, in the Baptist graveyard, in Northumberland county.

Jacob Kline, the father of Jacob Lorenzo Kline, was born in Zerbe township, Northumberland Co., Pa., Oct. 8, 1836, and was educated in the schools of Trevorton, following which he began to work as a farmer. Later he was given charge of a station, on the line between Sunbury and Shamokin, sawing rails for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, also loaded cars, and then he was put in charge of the water station at Hughes station, which place is now known as Shamrock. He was thrifty and industrious, and by good management was able to save enough from his earnings to purchase a farm of seventy-three acres, which he operated until his enlistment in the Union army for service during the Civil war. He was enrolled March 12, 1864, as a member of Company B, 184th Regiment, Pa. Vol. Inf., and was mustered into the service May 12, 1864, for three years. A member of Col. B. F. Brown's regiment, he saw much active service, was wounded three times, was appointed corporal Jan. 1, 1865, and was mustered out of the service at Washington, D. C., July 14, 1865, with an excellent record as a brave, hard-fighting and faithful soldier. On July 4, 1858, Mr. Kline was married to Mary Yeager, who was born April 4, 1841, and they became the parents of the following children: Anna Cecilia, born Dec. 11, 1859, died Sept. 8, 1867, aged seven years, eight months, twenty-seven days; Isaac DeWitt, born Jan. 16, 1862, died Aug. 30, 1867, aged five years, seven months, fourteen days; Benjamin Ellsworth, born Nov. 1, 1863, died Sept. 4, 1867,

aged three years, ten months, three days; Sarah Elizabeth, born Aug. 10, 1866, died Aug. 23, 1867, aged one year, thirteen days; Charles M., born Aug. 9, 1868, who married Laura Mutchler, lives in Coal township, Northumberland county, and has two children, Cora and Ethel; Jacob Lorenzo is mentioned below; Absalom S., born Aug. 15, 1872, died Oct. 8, 1880, aged eight years, one month, twenty-three days; Ida Fidella, born Aug. 1, 1874, married Montgomery Gearhart, and has four children, Jacob, Myrtle, Montgomery and Jesse; Reuben R., born Jan. 25, 1877, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, resides at Harrisburg, Pa., married Sarah Mutchler and has two children, Mary Frances and Byron.

When mustered out of the service Jacob Kline returned to his farm, which he continued to operate up to the time of his death, which occurred Sept. 5, 1880, when he was aged forty-three years, ten months, twenty-seven days. Two years after his death his farm was sold. Mr. Kline was a Republican, belonged to Elysburg Lodge, F. & A. M., and to Elysburg Lodge of Odd Fellows, and was a faithful member of the Baptist Church. He was buried in the Baptist cemetery at Deibler's station, in Shamokin township.

Mary Yeager, the mother of Jacob Lorenzo Kline, was born in the vicinity of Reed station, Northumberland Co., Pa., a daughter of Conrad Yeager. The latter was a farmer all of his life in his native township of Shamokin, was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Yeager married Elizabeth Reed, daughter of Casper and Esther Reed, who died at the age of eighty-three years and is buried in the Baptist cemetery near Stonington, in Shamokin township. The children born to Conrad and Elizabeth (Reed) Yeager were as follows: John, who married Eliza Campbell (both deceased); Elizabeth, who married Isaac Hill (both deceased); Absalom, who married Keziah Hill (both deceased); Conrad, who married Mary Kennedy (both deceased); Deborah, who is the widow of Joseph Haus, and lives in Philadelphia; Solomon, who married Lucy Doston (both deceased); Sarah, who is the widow of Isaac Boyer; Jacob, of Riverside, Pa., who married Sarah Chamberlin; and Mary, who is the widow of Jacob Kline.

Jacob Lorenzo Kline received his education in the public school at Paxinos, but owing to ill health his schooling was limited, and when he was eight years of age he left Paxinos and started to work on a farm at Elysburg.

When he was a little older he left Elysburg and went to Boyd's station, where for five years he worked on a truck farm, and then came to Danville and invested his earnings in a livery business, which he conducted for two years. During the last twelve years he has carried on a very successful ice business, which he has built up to large proportions through industry, good management and enterprise, and in 1913 added teaming and general hauling to his activities, this branch also having proved very satisfactory in a financial way. He is a Republican in his political views, but has not been active in public affairs, having been too busily engaged with his business interests. At all times, however, he has expressed a willingness to aid his community in any way and has withheld his support from no movement which has promised to aid the general good. He was reared in the faith of the Baptist Church.

On Dec. 29, 1902, at Danville, Mr. Kline was married, by Rev. Nelson Collins Cleaver, a Methodist clergyman, to Edna Berninger, who was born Nov. 5, 1881, at Reed station, Shamokin township, Northumberland Co., Pa., daughter of Israel and Barbara Ellen (Long) Berninger. Two children have come to this union: Harry, born July 1, 1906, who died May 3, 1908; and Warren, born March 3, 1908.

Nicholas Berninger, the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Kline, was born in Saxony, Germany, was married in that country, and emigrated to the United States, settling in Longswamp township, Berks Co., Pa., where he died.

Philip Berninger, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Kline, was born in Berks county, Pa., and in 1812 moved to Roaringcreek Valley, Columbia Co., Pa., where he followed his trade of machinist during the remainder of his life. He married Salome Yost, and they became the parents of the following children: Philip, who married Mary Moore; Jacob; Henry, who married Nancy Rohr; Jonas, the grandfather of Mrs. Kline; Elizabeth, who married John Wagenhaust; and Mary, who married a Missimer. Mr. Berninger was a member of the German Reformed Church. He and his wife were buried at Roaringcreek.

Jonas Berninger, the grandfather of Mrs. Kline, was born June 1, 1800, in Berks county, Pa., and was twelve years old when he accompanied his parents to Roaringcreek valley. A millwright and wheelwright by trade, he

was a builder of mills and other structures, and lived at Slabtown during the greater part of his life. Mr. Berninger was a Democrat and was active in township affairs, and was a member of Jacobs Reformed Church at Reed station, taking a prominent part in the work. He was buried at Reed station, while his wife was laid to rest in the Methodist cemetery at Slabtown. Mr. Berninger married Ida Dorcas Yost, and they became the parents of two children: Angeline, deceased, who married Charles Metz; and Israel.

Israel Berninger, the father of Mrs. Kline, was born Dec. 16, 1836, at Slabtown, Northumberland Co., Pa., was educated in the public schools near that place, and under his father's tuition mastered the trade of millwright so well that when he was nineteen years of age he began to accept work on his own account, having as many as thirty men in his employ. Mr. Berninger is the inventor of a wooden turbine wheel for use in water which would corrode an iron wheel, but never had the invention patented. A few years after his marriage he moved to Reed station, Northumberland county, and there for thirty-six years was proprietor of a millwright shop, then moving back to Big Roaringcreek, where he operated a flour, feed and grist mill for eight years. Following this Mr. Berninger moved to Paxinos, where he is still engaged in business. He is an active Democrat, and while living in Mayberry township was auditor and school director, and in Shamokin township was overseer of the poor. He was formerly a member of Elysburg Lodge, No. 548, and Fort Augusta Encampment, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and of Elysburg Lodge, No. 414, F. & A. M. Although not a professed member of any denomination religiously, he is a frequent attendant at church, has been quite a Bible student, and is well versed in church matters.

Mr. Berninger married Barbara Ellen Long, who was born at New Berlin, Union Co., Pa., Oct. 10, 1842, a daughter of Samuel and Charlotte (Rarrick) Long, and they became the parents of the following children: Charlotte, who is the widow of Andrew Lyons and resides at Sunbury, Pa.; Ida Dorcas, who married William Lewis, of Philadelphia; Annie, who married D. C. Gothie, of Tamqua, Pa.; Fronie, who married William Thomas, of Shamokin; Catherine Rosalie, who married Harry McClow, of Shamokin; Frances, who married H. B. Sowers, of Birdsboro, Pa.; Gertrude, who married Charles Kuntz, of Norristown, Pa.; Jesse, who mar-

ried Ella Gearhart (deceased) and (second) Elizabeth Walters, of Catawissa; Jacob Wilvert, who married Ella Shultz, of Danville; Solomon Alfred, who married Cora Mutchler, of Sunbury; and Edna. Mrs. Kline was educated in the public schools of Reed station, Northumberland county, and at the time of her marriage was residing at the home of her parents at Howellsville, Columbia county.

The Long family, to which Mrs. Barbara Ellen (Long) Berninger belonged, is of German descent. There are no complete written records of the early generations, and most of what follows was gathered by a member of the family from various sources. While Germany was the freest of all European countries in regard to religious toleration, we find Napoleon made considerable trouble, and long previous to his time, in the year of 1731, the Protestants were driven from several places in Germany. Many of these people left their native land and came to America, some settling in Georgia. Among these emigrants came the forebears of the Long family, and with them came a family by the name of Zeigler, with whom they made a compact before leaving Germany that nothing but death should separate them in the new country, that if one prospered so should the other. These strangers in a strange land and in an English settlement grew discontented, and learning that Pennsylvania offered greater independence to all, and that many Germans were settling in and near Philadelphia, the little band made its way north to that Province. Clearing land and making a little settlement known as Long's Swamp, in what became known as Longs Swamp (now Longswamp) township, Berks county (at what is now Kutztown), they farmed and did various kinds of weaving. The little settlement grew and the people prospered. In the year 1765 there was born to the ancestor of the Long family and his wife Phoebe (Glassmyer) a son Peter, who in after years married a Miss Keefer. To this union were born five sons and three daughters: Betzy, Mrs. Beechler; Polly, Mrs. Genzel; Kate, Mrs. Wise; Solomon, who married a Miss Hipple; Benjamin, who married; George, who died unmarried; Peter, also unmarried, who died in Philadelphia, meeting an accidental death; and Jonathan, who jumped on a snake in the field, and died suddenly, from the shock. The mother of this family died, and the father remarried, his second wife being Sarah (Genzel), quite well known as a singer in her day and leader of the choir in the old Lutheran

Church at Reading; she was a direct descendant of Adam Genzel, a Revolutionary soldier. To this second union were born, in Longswamp, Berks county: Jacob, in 1806; Lydia (Mrs. Steinberger), in 1808; Samuel, in 1810; and Gideon, in 1812. With his wife and children Peter Long left Berks county in 1812 and moved to Union (now Snyder) county. Like his father before him he cleared land and built a log home. As the place was covered with a thick chestnut growth he called his new home "Chestnut Ridge," the name it bears to this day. Danger from wild beasts and Indians surrounded them on all sides. It is said they were scarcely settled in their new home when they were startled by the howl of a hungry wolf. Mrs. Long opened the window and shot the animal, and when morning came they found three cubs, which were captured and killed. In this new home were born Sallie, Hettie, Susan and Daniel. Peter Long, the father, died in 1852, aged seventy-eight years. His wife Sarah, born in 1782, died in 1866, aged eighty-four years.

Here Samuel Long, father of Mrs. Berninger, spent his boyhood days. When old enough he went to Selinsgrove to learn his trade at Swengle's flour mill, and while there witnessed the "shower of stars," Nov. 13, 1833. Finishing his trade he went to take charge of Cleckner's mill at Long's town (now New Berlin), and there met Charlotte Rarrick, whom he married in 1834 after a year's courtship. She was born in 1812 and died in 1890, aged seventy-eight years. They lived at this mill one year, when he bought the mill where they resided until 1863. Then with his family Mr. Long moved to Catawissa, Columbia county, where for a number of years he operated the William McKelvy flour mill, retiring some time previous to his death, which occurred in 1902, when he was aged ninety-two years. He was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the German Reformed Church at Catawissa, where he was buried. Samuel and Charlotte (Rarrick) Long became the parents of the following children: Sarah, who is the widow of Clinton Ellis and resides at Catawissa; William, of that place, who married Mary Doebler; Charlotte, who married H. T. Eckert, of Sunbury; Samuel, deceased; Barbara Ellen and Hannah Maria, twins, the former of whom married Israel Berninger, and the latter Adam Mitchell, of Milton, Pa.; Mary, deceased, who married Isaac Mutchler, of Elysburg; George, who married Emma Mertz, of Northumberland, Pa.; Charles, deceased, who married a

Miss Ammerman; John, who lives in Philadelphia, married to Elizabeth Kreischer, of Catawissa; and Jennie, who makes her home at Catawissa.

Mrs. Charlotte (Rarrick) Long was of Scotch-Irish descent in one line, her ancestors of that nationality, the Gordons, fleeing to this country to escape religious persecution and settling in Virginia; many of their graves are near Mount Vernon. It was told by one member of the family that a certain Gordon and his beautiful daughter, declining to give up their religious belief, were driven from place to place and finally captured in a cave in which they had taken refuge. They were tortured, and the father killed in the presence of the daughter, who, however, escaped in some way, and was never heard from again. This caused the Gordons to leave the old country for the land of religious freedom. The name of Mrs. Charlotte (Rarrick) Long's mother was Straub, and she had several children. Through the marriage of her grandmother she was related to the branch of the family in Center county, where different members of the family married, and some removed to parts unknown.

DANIEL F. CROSSLEY, a retired merchant and justice of the peace, residing in West Hemlock township, Montour county, was born May 3, 1884, in that township, a son of William T. Crossley, grandson of James Crossley, and great-grandson of John Crossley.

John Crossley, the great-grandfather, came to what is now Montour county with his brother, George Crossley, from Berks county, Pa. He settled first in Danville and possibly spent his life there. He married and had three sons: Joseph, George and James. In his later years Joseph was a farmer in Valley township.

James Crossley, the grandfather of Daniel Flick Crossley, was born in Danville and attended school there. For some time he lived with his brother Joseph on the latter's farm in Valley township, and farming was his business throughout life. He died in 1830, about the time the Presbyterian Church was built in West Hemlock township, and was buried in Columbia cemetery. He married Christianna Sidler, who was born in Columbia county, and they had the following children: Joseph, who moved to Tiffin, Ohio; George, born 1804, died 1874, who married Leah Welliver; John, who married Margaret Stettler; James; William T., who

married Mary Flick; Rachel, wife of George Walter; Catherine, who married David Gibson and lived at Benton; Jane, who married in the West; Hannah, who became Mrs. Smith and moved to Iowa; David, who married Rachel Bright; and Charles, who married Martha Leidy.

William T. Crossley, father of Daniel F. Crossley, was born in Valley township, Montour Co., Pa., Dec. 25, 1816. In his boyhood he attended the Morris school in Valley township and during several years worked on the farm of a neighbor, John Wilson, a well known Quaker. After this he learned the mason's trade with Peter Still and David Roberts and assisted to build the old gristmill on the canal, for Peter Baldy, working on the foundation, which was started below the bottom of the canal. After he married he moved to West Hemlock township, which, at that time, was Madison township, and included in Northumberland county. His brother, John Crossley, bought a farm of one hundred acres on the road between Danville and Jerseytown, the same land being now the property of Oliver Reichard. On the corner of this farm, William T. Crossley had a small lot on which he resided for four years, and it was during this period that Daniel Flick Crossley was born. From there William T. Crossley subsequently moved to a farm owned by his father-in-law, Daniel Flick, who was a cabinetmaker and undertaker. For two years William T. Crossley operated the farm and then bought the John Girton place of eighty-three acres, and there resided until his death, Nov. 9, 1898. In politics he was a stanch Democrat, and he served in every township office and was quite influential in politics in the county. He was a member of the Columbia Presbyterian Church, holding all the church offices at different times, and was the first to organize a Sunday school here, of which he was superintendent.

In 1840 William T. Crossley was united in marriage with Mary Flick, who was born in Madison township, Columbia county, Sept. 19, 1816, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Lily) Flick, and they had ten children: Martha, the eldest, born July 2, 1841, died at the age of eight years. Mary Alice, born Aug. 31, 1842, married J. W. Wilson, of Madison township, Columbia county. Daniel Flick was the third in order of birth. Catherine Delilah, born Dec. 17, 1845, died when one year old. Arthur W., born Aug. 23, 1847, married Mary C. Chanlee, of Washington, D. C., and died Feb. 22, 1914. Anna Cath-

erine, who lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, was born Dec. 30, 1848, and is the widow of William Park Alexander; she has two daughters, Mary Grier, born July 4, 1874, and Martha, born in July, 1875, graduates of Del Norte Presbyterian College, in Colorado, and both now teachers in Salt Lake City, Utah. Elizabeth, born Dec. 21, 1850, married William Boyd Moore, of West Hemlock township, and they have one son, William Park, born Aug. 24, 1877. Henrietta Jane, born March 25, 1853, married Lloyd Bomboy, of Cheney, Kans. Sarah Savilla, born April 28, 1855, married Clark Dildine, and they live at Cheney, Kans.; they have had three children, A. Claude (who married Berta Brown), Arthur R. (a physician, who married Eva Zellers), and Ralph (who is deceased). The youngest of the family, Elwood E., born June 2, 1858, married Hester Maria Pursel, a native of Canada, and they live at Cheney, Kans. The mother of the above family died Jan. 14, 1901, and was buried by the side of her husband in the Columbia cemetery.

Daniel Flick, the maternal grandfather of Daniel F. Crossley, was born at Philadelphia, Pa., March 25, 1790, a son of John Flick, who died in Philadelphia. His widow, who probably came from Philadelphia with her son Daniel, later married a Hagenbuch, and died at the age of ninety-seven years. She was buried in Dutch Hill cemetery, in Madison township, Columbia county. John Flick and his wife had three children: Daniel; John, who lived at Muncy, Lycoming county; and Mary, who married a Martz, of Lycoming county.

Daniel Flick was a young man when he settled in Madison township, Columbia county, where he acquired ownership of forty acres of land on which he had his cabinet-making shop, in which he made coffins; he was also an undertaker. He was one of the first settlers on the Philadelphia road to Buffalo and near by was a hotel where the stages obtained their relays. For about fifteen years he continued on this tract of land and then moved to West Hemlock township and bought a farm of about one hundred acres, situated on the road between Jerseytown and Danville. This farm is now owned by L. C. Shultz. Mr. Flick cleared a great deal of this land and continued to add to his holdings until at one time he owned three hundred acres, which he gradually sold with the exception of forty acres. He engaged in farming there and continued to work in his shop as long as he remained interested,



and then lived in retirement, dying March 25, 1861. All his life he supported the principles and candidates of the Democratic party. He was one of the leading members of the Dutch Hill Reformed Church.

Daniel Flick married Catherine Lily, who was born Dec. 12, 1790, and died Jan. 10, 1877. They rest in the Dutch Hill Reformed cemetery. They had the following children: Mary, mother of Daniel Flick Crossley; Catherine; Hannah, wife of John Wesley Girton, of Madison township; Daniel, who married Elizabeth Hill, living at Hughesville; Savilla, who was born just after the family moved from Madison to West Hemlock township, married to David Nevius, of Danville; and Jacob, born Oct. 28, 1829, who died May 2, 1910.

Daniel Flick Crossley attended public school in West Hemlock township and spent one term in Professor Kelso's private school at Danville and two terms in the old Millville (Greenwood) Academy. In 1865 he learned the carpenter's trade, with Cyrus Heller, at Shenandoah, Pa., after which he taught school for a number of winters—one term at Hickory Hill, Columbia Co., Pa.; two terms at Buckhorn, in Hemlock township; four terms at Reitz's schoolhouse; two terms at Emmett's schoolhouse, in Hemlock township; one term at the Lazarus schoolhouse in Dutch Valley; two terms at Washingtonville, in Derry township; and two terms at the Appleman schoolhouse, in Valley township. During the summer seasons Mr. Crossley usually worked at his trade. He also was a clerk in Egbert Thompson's general store, which was on the bank of the old Pennsylvania canal where it crossed Mill street, on the present site of the Danville city hall. At that time the third floor of the building was used as the opera house.

In 1875 Mr. Crossley entered into partnership with W. R. Welliver in a general store business, and for three years they conducted the same on Mill street near the present location of the Welliver hardware store. On March 11, 1878, he accompanied his brother-in-law, William Park Alexander, to the West, locating at Pueblo, Colo. Mr. Alexander was receiver for the sales of government lands, and Mr. Crossley embarked in the hardware business and prospered to such an extent that in the fall of the same year he was led to open a branch store at Silver Cliff. Later he sold his hardware interests and went into the undertaking business, and still later became otherwise interested, first

in the green grocery line and subsequently in insurance and real estate.

Mr. Crossley remained at Silver Cliff until 1888, when he sold out and moved to Cheney, Kans., where, in partnership with his brother Elwood, he bought 420 acres of land, two tracts of 160 acres each and one of one hundred acres. The partners then embarked in extensive farming and stock raising activities, growing wheat, corn, oats, millet and sorghum cane, hogs, cattle, horses and mules. In 1898 Mr. Crossley was called back home by the death of his father and went, but with the expectation of returning to Kansas, which, however, he never did, subsequently selling all his Western interests to his brother, who still carries them on. Since then Mr. Crossley has been practically retired from business, but by no means has been inactive.

Never having married, Mr. Crossley has no domestic ties, but his interests are wide and varied. Church extension has always been an interest close to his heart, and when residing in Pueblo he assisted in the organization of the Congregational church and Sunday school. On removing to Silver Cliff he assisted there in the organization of the Presbyterian Church and Sunday school, and when he located in Cheney, Kans., he rejoined the Congregational Church. Later, when it was disorganized, he became affiliated with the Reformed Church at that place, and since returning to Montour county has become a member of the Columbia Presbyterian Church of West Hemlock. He was formerly superintendent of the Sunday school and is now teaching the women's Bible class.

Although a man of peace Mr. Crossley was twice sorely tempted during the progress of the Civil war to enter the army. Once he ran away from home with some companions of the neighborhood and arrived at Northumberland, but as the train was delayed he had time to remember that he had not bidden his parents farewell and his natural affection led him to return without any of the honors of war. On another occasion he had a similar experience, but again was delayed, and other duties held him from ever entering the service. During 1862 and 1863 school teachers were exempt from draft into the military service of the government.

Mr. Crossley belongs to a Democratic family, but has never had any undue desire for political office. Some ten years since he was elected a justice of the peace and has satisfactorily administered the duties of the office ever since.

HARRY M. SOBER, D. D. S., of Danville, Montour county, was born in that borough March 15, 1869, son of Aaron Sober. He belongs to a family which has long been settled in Pennsylvania, his great-grandfather, Samuel Sober, having come here from New Jersey when a young man. He was born Oct. 12, 1771, and died March 20, 1833. His wife, Isabelle (Moore), born Oct. 4, 1774, died June 12, 1842. They are buried in Shamokin township, Northumberland county. Mr. Sober was a man of modest tastes and habits, taking no part in politics or other public affairs. He was a prosperous farmer, owning five farms and a gristmill in Shamokin township. His children were born as follows: Michael Moore, March 12, 1801; Susanna, Dec. 31, 1805; Alexander, March 30, 1807; Hester, June 30, 1810 (died May 23, 1816); Isaac, Feb. 23, 1814; Aaron, June 6, 1819 (died June 7, 1883).

Alexander Sober, son of Samuel, was born March 30, 1807, and died Nov. 14, 1869. He was a farmer in Northumberland county, Pa., and his wife Mary (Foy), born Nov. 17, 1807, died Aug. 12, 1895. They are buried at the Summit Baptist Church in Shamokin township. They had the following children: Samuel, born Feb. 10, 1831 (died May 22, 1892); Beulah, April 23, 1832 (died March 3, 1904); Uriah, March 1, 1834 (died June 5, 1911); Morris S., Sept. 3, 1835 (died Jan. 7, 1911); Aaron, May 15, 1837; Isaac J., Nov. 28, 1838; William A., Sept. 3, 1840 (died Jan. 4, 1897); Salathiel, April 16, 1842 (died at Fair Oaks May 31, 1862); Alexander J., Jan. 1, 1844 (died Nov. 14, 1876); Mary Ann, Dec. 4, 1845; Susanna, Sept. 5, 1847; Joseph A., Aug. 28, 1853.

Aaron Sober, son of Alexander, was born May 15, 1837, in Shamokin township, Northumberland county. His first work was farming, at which he was engaged until sixteen years old, when he went to learn the trade of tanner, following same until he enlisted for service in the Civil war, Oct. 16, 1861, for three years. He joined Company D, 52d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Harrisburg. Three of his brothers were in that company also, and another, Morris, was in the heavy artillery service with the Western army; the last named had his hearing impaired by the explosions of guns and other din incident to war, and his affliction became worse as he grew older. He was killed a few years ago at McLoud, Okla., while crossing a railroad track. Aaron Sober was discharged from the Germantown hos-

pital, Philadelphia, Sept. 13, 1862, having contracted fever, and returned home. His command was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and he took part in the siege of Yorktown and in the battles of Williamsburg and Seven Pines, as well as in the operations against Jackson. In February, 1863, he went to Danville to work in the mills, where he was employed seven years, first in the Rough and Ready mill and later at the Cock Robin mill, after which he was engaged at selling books until 1873. Since that year he has been living retired.

In 1856 Mr. Sober married Annabell Murray, who was born Jan. 15, 1834, daughter of Porter and Margaret (McCoy) Murray, of near Dewart, Northumberland county, the former an old boss on the canal. Mrs. Sober died Dec. 31, 1906, the mother of seven children, of whom Mary E., born Dec. 30, 1856, is the wife of William W. Davis and has had five children; Judson H., born May 27, 1858, lives in Nebraska; Margaret F., born March 13, 1861, is the widow of J. J. Armstrong, of West Pittston, Pa., and has two children; Elizabeth J. was born Dec. 21, 1863; Louisa A., born March 21, 1866, is the wife of Dr. Henry Bierman, of Bloomsburg, and has two children; Harry M. is mentioned below; Grace F., born July 21, 1869, died Feb. 19, 1896. Altogether there are twenty-one grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

On Sept. 26, 1911, Mr. Sober married (second) Mrs. Margaret (Marr) Hoffman, widow of Oliver Hoffman, and daughter of John and Sarah (Allison) Marr, of Turbut township, Northumberland county. Mrs. Sober was born Feb. 22, 1844. She was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, at Pottsgrove; Mr. Sober is a member of the First Baptist Church at Danville.

Harry M. Sober received his early education in the Mount Joy Soldiers' Orphans' School, where he lived from the age of eight years until he was sixteen. For the nine years after he was employed by the Grand Union Tea Company, and in 1896 he began his course in dentistry at the Pennsylvania Dental College at Philadelphia, where he pursued his studies for three years. After graduating he came to Danville, where he has been in continuous practice since, commanding a steadily increasing patronage. His work is high grade, and the large number of patients who depend upon him is sufficient proof of his popularity, both personal and professional. Dr. Sober belongs to Danville Blue Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M.; Danville Chapter, No. 239; Calvary

Commandery, No. 37, K. T.; Mount Moriah Council, No. 10, R. & S. M., of Bloomsburg; Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg; and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of the B. P. O. Elks, having been a charter member of lodge No. 754, of Danville. Dr. Sober married Emily Stebbins, a native of Watsontown, Pa., daughter of Ekelias and Emily (Baker) Stebbins. They have three children: Ruth, born Feb. 23, 1902; Annabelle, born March 18, 1905; and Clarence, born Aug. 9, 1909. Dr. Sober is a member of the First Baptist Church of Danville.

WILLIAM W. DAVIS, of Danville, an employe of the Danville Structural Tubing Company, was born Dec. 13, 1854, in Carmarthenshire, Wales. He is a son of Daniel and Jane (Reese) Davis, the former of whom, now deceased, was a coal miner by occupation. The mother is living, now (1914) nearly eighty-three years old. Her father was William Reese.

When a boy eight years old William W. Davis came to America with an uncle to Danville and after a time went to Elmira, N. Y. He did not see his family again for thirty years. After his school days—in Danville, Pa., and Elmira, N. Y.—were over he was engaged in clerking for three years in a general mercantile store at Elmira, returning to Danville in 1875, since which time he has been employed in the mills at this place. Mr. Davis is an upright and respected citizen and well known in Danville, where he has been a member of the Washington Fire Company since 1875. He belongs to the First Baptist Church.

On July 14, 1877, Mr. Davis married Mary E. Sober, and they have had a family of five children: Harry S., born March 8, 1879, now a resident of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., married Blanche Feisler, and they have three children, Edward Mostyn (born Aug. 31, 1910), William Aaron (born Nov. 19, 1911) and Clyde Murray (born June 4, 1913); Jennie Irene, born Feb. 7, 1884, died April 3, 1886; Clyde Hall was born March 25, 1887; Louisa Bell, April 1, 1890; John Mostyn, June 1, 1895.

HON. WILLIAM CHRISMAN, a resident of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, was born in Pottsville, Pa., Oct. 11, 1854. His grandfather, John Chrisman, emigrated from Germany and settled in East Nantmeal township, Chester Co., Pa., where he died Jan. 6, 1848. He married Mrs. Susan (Burns) Steen, of Irish-Scotch extraction, who was born Sept. 11, 1794, and died Sept. 17, 1867, and both are

buried at the Presbyterian church near Pott's Furnace, in said township. Their family consisted of the following children: Lydia A., who married John Lewis; Jacob, who died in Pottsville, while holding the office of high constable; Samuel, who died near Honeybrook; and Thomas B., the father of the subject of this sketch.

Thomas B. Chrisman was born Oct. 20, 1832, and died at Bloomsburg, Nov. 23, 1906. During his day he was regarded as a progressive agriculturist and horseman. He came to Columbia county in 1857, locating upon the farm now owned by his son, William. He married Elizabeth E. Essick, who died at Bloomsburg, Jan. 15, 1878, aged forty-five years, and both are buried in Rosemont cemetery. She was the daughter of Baltzer Essick, who removed from Chester county in 1857, following his son, Henry Essick, who was a Baptist minister and who was filling a charge near his home in Madison township. Baltzer Essick died at his farm in Madison township, April 12, 1870, at the age of eighty years, and his wife, Rachael (Morgan), died Sept. 17, 1874, at the same age; they are buried at White Hall. The great-grandfather of William Chrisman, John Essick, was a soldier in the war of the Revolution and captured a sword from a British officer; his grandfather, Baltzer Essick, served in the war of 1812 against the British. William Chrisman's brothers are Elwood G., Charles B. and Eugene, and his sisters are Phoebe E., Belle and Nellie.

Mr. Chrisman obtained his early education in the public schools, first attending at Washingtonville, and graduating from the Bloomsburg Normal School in 1878. When a youth of seventeen years he began teaching a district school in Mahoning township, Montour county, which he did with success for three terms, and attained the position of assistant principal of the Bloomsburg high school. While teaching he read law with C. W. Miller, Esq., and was admitted to the bar of Columbia county, Feb. 7, 1882, and to the Supreme court of Pennsylvania, April 10, 1888, at which time he argued the noted damage case of Cadow vs. the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company. One of his famous cases was the defense of John Peterman, tried in September, 1911, indicted for the murder of his brother, his client being cleared after a trial which attracted wide notice. In this case he was assisted by his son, Neil, who took a prominent part, arguing the case to the jury, for which he was highly complimented, it being his first case in the county.



*William Chrisman*



In 1890 Mr. Chrisman was appointed district attorney by the court of Columbia county and the same year was elected over his opponent by a majority of 2,671 votes. While holding said office, for three years, he tried some important criminal cases. In 1896 he was elected to the Legislature by a majority over his opponent of 1,100 votes, after a bitter factional fight, and reelected in 1898, and while a member thereof was placed upon some of the most important committees of the House and therein helped frame and finally pass some of the most important laws of the session. In 1882 he was elected town treasurer, which office he held for three years; and in 1889 was elected a member of the Bloomsburg school board, and while on said board assisted in planning the present high school building and in introducing into the schools the first graduating course therein. In politics he, like his ancestors, has always been a Democrat, serving his party for five terms as county chairman and speaking in the interest of his party from time to time in all the districts of the county. In the industrial welfare of his town he has always taken an active interest and assisted in bringing to the town some of its important industries, especially the silk mill, having been one of a committee of five to erect the same. Having been raised upon a farm, his recreation runs in that direction, and he now owns and superintends the one his grandfather purchased (232 acres in Madison township), when he came from Chester county, and upon which he lived, when a boy, with his father, who farmed the same in 1857.

On Oct. 11, 1879, Mr. Chrisman married Martha E. Gaul, who is of German descent, daughter of Jacob R. and Mary E. Gaul, of Bloomsburg, Mr. Gaul being one of the first and foremost contractors and builders of the town. Mrs. Chrisman graduated from the Bloomsburg Normal School in the class of 1875 and was principal of one of the grades of the schools of her town for several terms before her marriage. They have two children: Helen, at home; and Neil, who when eleven years of age served as a page in the House of Representatives, when his father was a member in 1897. Neil Chrisman has taken up his father's profession and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, in the class of 1909, and was admitted to the bar of Columbia county the same year; he is now located in Wilkes-Barre, where he is in active practice.

Mr. Chrisman is a member of Washington Lodge, F. & A. M.; of Caldwell Consistory;

is a past master of Bloomsburg Grange; and past president of Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A. He and Mrs. Chrisman are members of the Lutheran Church.

JOHN WILLIAM CUMMINGS, probably the most successful grower of peaches in Montour county, was for many years prominent in the clerical department of the Long Island Railroad Company, New York, but he now finds pleasure in his later years in following the vocation of his ancestors, who were among the first settlers of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

John Cummings, the paternal great-grandfather of John W., was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. Together with his fifteen brothers, he came to America and settled in Chester county, Pa. He served in the Chester county company as captain during the Revolutionary war and until its close. In 1794 he went to Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, and bought a tract of between three hundred and four hundred acres, which had been taken up by Peter Boor in 1769. He cleared part of the land and farmed it, also building a distillery. Here he died at the age of eighty. His wife, Elizabeth (Church), lies beside him in the little churchyard in Northumberland county. Their children were: Ann, born April 29, 1782, died Nov. 29, 1821, who married a Mr. Fordsman; Thomas, born July 7, 1784; James, born Dec. 7, 1786, a farmer of Chillisquaque township; Elizabeth and Polly, twins, who died in infancy; William, mentioned below; John, born Oct. 5, 1793; and Polly, born Jan. 11, 1799.

William Cummings, the grandfather, born Nov. 19, 1791, obtained what education was to be had in the subscription schools of the day, and went to farming on a portion of the homestead given him by his father. He was a successful farmer, a Presbyterian and a Democrat. But it was in his children that the community was to be benefited most. He married Hannah, daughter of William and Mary Irwin. He died in 1865 and his wife in 1883. Their children were: (1) John Andrew Jackson, who was born without hands, but obtained an education, became an expert penman, taught school, and for two terms served as register and recorder of Northumberland county. He also published maps of Columbia, Montour and Northumberland counties. He married Helen M. Sisty, and had two children, William and Annie. (2) Robert M. is written of below. (3) Mary Ann married

Thomas T. Baker, a veteran of the Civil war, and had five children. (4) Sarah Jane is the widow of David Kingsbury, of Luzerne county. (5) Annie C. married Wesley Auten, of Baltimore, Md. (6) Harriet J. married J. W. Taylor, and died in Meriden, Kans. (7) Margaret Agnes married Amandus Frieze. (8) Eliza T. died at the age of seventeen.

Robert M. Cummings, father of John William, was born in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, Nov. 21, 1833, attended the public schools, and graduated from Lewisburg Academy. During his early youth he followed surveying and later in life began the orchard with which his son has been so successful. He studied law with George F. Miller, of Lewisburg, and in 1859 was admitted to the bar of Northumberland county. In 1865 he, with his brother John, laid out the village of Montandon. There he built a brick home for himself and carried on an extensive law and real estate business. He married Mary E., daughter of John Albright, of Lime-stone township. She was born Feb. 23, 1844, and died in 1908. They had children as follows: Clara Elizabeth, wife of F. B. Irvin, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has five children, Miriam, Kathryn E., Beulah E., Miles Cummings and Edna Reberta; John W. is mentioned below; Herbert W., of Sunbury, is judge of Northumberland county; Mary Alma is at home; Harriet G. is the wife of Edward Wright, of Montandon. Mr. Cummings is a member of the Methodist Church, an Odd Fellow, and a strong adherent of the Democratic party. He is still in good health and lives on the old homestead.

John William Cummings graduated from the Lewisburg high school and then taught eleven terms of school in Northumberland county. After that he entered the employ of the Long Island Railroad Company as night clerk at Long Island City, then served as tariff clerk for four years, and later was made freight agent at Ozone Park, a suburb of Brooklyn. In 1906 he came to Montour county, where he has established the largest peach orchard within its limits. He has over three thousand five hundred trees and ships the fruit all over the State. Not only does he take a live interest in his extensive orchard, but he is well versed in the history of this portion of Pennsylvania, and while he was a teacher delivered many lectures on local history before gratified audiences. His children inherit their father's talents and are as enthusiastic on the subject of history as he is. He is a member of the Greenpoint Methodist

Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and of the Royal Arcanum, Delong Council, No. 725, of Brooklyn, N. Y. He takes a keen interest in politics, but has held no offices and is not desirous of public honors. On Oct. 2, 1904, Mr. Cummings married Lydia Harper, who was born May 14, 1876, in Toronto, Canada, daughter of Joseph Harper, and their children are: Eleanor Elizabeth, born June 24, 1905, and Agnes Maud, born Dec. 29, 1909.

Joseph Harper, father of Mrs. Cummings, is still living at the age of seventy-four, having been born in November, 1839, in London, England, son of Joseph Harper. He is a piano tuner by trade. His wife, Eliza (Dixon), was born June 16, 1843.

JOSEPH B. SEIDEL, a retired citizen of Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa., was born Dec. 30, 1836, at Seidel's Corner, in Derry township, Montour Co., Pa., son of Jacob and Nancy (Springer) Seidel.

John Seidel, the paternal grandfather of Joseph B. Seidel, was a resident of Lancaster county, Pa., whence he came to what is now Montour county in 1804, and here opened what was known as "Seidel's Inn," in Derry township. This hotel was in the family name for more than a century, and the neighborhood became known as Seidel's Corner. He married a Miss Breininger.

Jacob Seidel, son of John Seidel, spent his youth and early manhood on the old homestead at Seidel's Corner, engaged in various occupations, among other things assisting his father about the hotel. His father owned considerable property, which the sons divided after his death, John taking the hotel and seventy-four acres of land, and Jacob the 200-acre farm, upon which he moved, remaining there two years. While engaged in agricultural work he was injured, and thereafter did no hard labor. In 1849 he removed to Washingtonville, where for seven years he conducted the hotel known as "Pennsylvania Hall." Selling his interest in same, he entered into a partnership with Adam Saul in the general store business, which they carried on in the upper part of the building where Mr. Seidel had had his hotel. This association lasted about five years, when Mr. Seidel bought out his partner and became sole owner, continuing thus until about two years before his death, when his son Joseph B. Seidel came into possession of the store. Jacob Seidel married Nancy Springer, a daughter of Joseph Springer, and they had two sons, Joseph B. and Frank, the latter deceased. The

father died in 1882, aged eighty-two years, ten months.

Joseph B. Seidel received his education at Strawberry Ridge, in Derry township. He was only a young boy when his father moved to Washingtonville and opened "Pennsylvania Hall," and a youth when his father formed the partnership with Mr. Saul. Then he became a clerk in their general store, practically taking his father's place, as the latter was incapable of hard work. After the dissolution of the partnership he conducted the business for his father until about two years before the latter's death, when the property was divided, Joseph coming into ownership of the store and half of the farm of 200 acres. His brother Frank took the other half of the 200 acres, on which all the farm buildings were situated. After conducting the store for twenty-five years Mr. Seidel sold out to Harry Hartley, and then cultivated his farm until 1911, when he sold it to his son Ralph. He has since led a retired life, making his home at Washingtonville.

On Feb. 2, 1860, Mr. Seidel was married to Nancy Maria Gouger, who was born Oct. 12, 1841, in Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., daughter of Daniel and Susan (Bower) Gouger, who came from Lancaster county to Montour county. Mr. Gouger died in 1867, at the age of sixty-five years. He was the father of nine children, of whom seven still survive: Rebecca, widow of Joseph Sechler, of Limestone township; Jacob Milton; Catherine, the widow of Matthew Lowery; Nancy Maria, Mrs. Seidel; Frank, of Richmond, Va.; Anna Eliza; and Mary Alice. Mrs. Seidel has attained the age of seventy-three. She and her husband have had the following children: Icydora, wife of William Runyan, a farmer, has three children, Guy (who married a Miss McGuire and is in Kansas), Fuller (a farmer, who married Margaret Diehl and has two children, Gerald D. and ———), and Paulina Truman (at home); Daniel Gouger, deceased, left two children, Ada and Anna; Emma Louisa married David Schoemaker and (second) Lewis Walton, of Philadelphia, and has two children, Donald D. Schoemaker and Mildred Walton; Mary Rebecca married John Seigel, of Philadelphia, and has five children, Margaret, Roland, Beatrice, Stella and Lawrence; Clarence Hartley resides at home; Josephine, the wife of Elmer Freymeyer, proprietor of the "Park Hotel" at Washingtonville, Pa., has two children, Harry and Louisa; Frederick Butler married the widow of Charles Betts (she had

two children, Edith and Frederick); Cora Blanche is the wife of Bert Ulp, of Sunbury, Pa.; Ralph married Susan Pollock, and has two children, Mary and Louise; Benjamin Franklin is at home.

With his family, Mr. Seidel attends the Washingtonville Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Democrat, and for twenty-five years he has been committeeman of the borough of Washingtonville. Throughout his life he has held various offices of responsibility and trust, and in 1908 was elected burgess, being a charter member of the borough council; since that time he has also served one term as a member of the school board. During his long residence here he has formed a wide acquaintance, and the universal esteem in which he is held gives evidence of how faithfully he has performed every obligation imposed upon him.

HORACE C. BLUE, of Danville, a trusted official and well known citizen of that borough, was born there Oct. 13, 1857, son of Samuel Blue. His family has been settled in this region from the early days, and the "Danville Blues," a company which took part in the war of 1812, was organized and commanded by his grandfather, Capt. Isaac Blue. The great-grandfather, Michael Blue, was a Revolutionary soldier.

Michael Blue was born in New Jersey, Nov. 7, 1749, and married Phoebe Voris, also of New Jersey. Early in life he settled in Valley township, Montour (then Columbia) Co., Pa., where he died Feb. 14, 1833. He was a farmer, and planted the first peach orchard in what is now Montour county. His pension certificate, one of the few such documents relating to a Revolutionary claim extant, bears the date March 19, 1833 (he was dead two months before it reached his family), is signed by "Lew" Cass, Secretary of War, and sets forth that Michael Blue "was a private in the army of the Revolution and is entitled to receive twenty-six dollars and fifty-seven cents per annum during his natural life, commencing March 4, 1831, and payable semi-annually on March 4th and September 4th in every year." Among the personal effects of Michael Blue that have descended to his great-grandson, Horace C. Blue, is an ancient and timeworn copy of Whitefield's sermons, which, according to a memorandum on the flyleaf in the owner's handwriting, was purchased Nov. 11, 1803, at the store of William Montgomery, which occupied the present site of the "Montour House." Michael Blue was buried in the



old cemetery on Bloom street, Danville, recently abandoned, regarding which the *Morning News* of July 18, 1907, said: "The action of the court in legally abandoning the old cemetery on Bloom street has awakened a great deal of inquiry to determine how many there may be among the many hundreds that are buried there who in their day and generation were prominent in the affairs of the community and by their labors earned a grave that should endure beyond the brief span embraced by the years in which they slept in the old cemetery. There is scarcely a day but the burial plot of some well known family of the past comes to light. The latest to claim attention is the one opposite Upper Mulberry street on which lie buried Michael Blue, a Revolutionary soldier, and his son, Captain Isaac Blue. . . . Arrangements are being made for the removal of both of these graves. . . . Michael and Isaac Blue, father and son, were worthy compeers of William and Daniel Montgomery, Capt. Jacob Gearhart, Robert Curry and others who amid the privations of pioneers' life laid the foundation of a rich and prosperous community and whose bodies along with those of the two former were laid away in the same spot, God's acre, then sacred and well kept, but which with the lapse of many years due to changes that come with time is no longer revered but has been suffered to fall into neglect and decay."

Capt. Isaac Blue, son of Michael, died Sept. 24, 1842, in Liberty township, Montour county. He lived in Valley township most of his life, and followed farming. The Danville Blues, of which he was captain, were in active service on the frontier in 1812, and were stationed at Black Rock, where the company suffered severely from malignant fever. In the company were Jacob Sechler, Samuel Yorks, John McCoy, Edward Morrison and Herbert W. Best. Capt. Isaac Blue was married to Charlotte Donaldson.

Samuel Blue, son of Capt. Isaac Blue, was born June 20, 1815, in Valley township, and died at Danville Dec. 2, 1885. By trade he was a painter, and he was engaged as such most of his active life, being also employed in public positions for some years. He was court crier and tax receiver, and he was the local representative on the State board of charities. Mr. Blue married Abigail Hullihen, like himself a native of Pennsylvania, and of Scotch and Irish ancestry, and of the six children born to them five grew to maturity. Mrs. Blue died May 19, 1874.

Horace C. Blue was the youngest of his

parents' family. He received his education in the public schools of Danville, and was only twelve years old when he began clerking in a grocery store. He gained confidence and experience rapidly, and was only seventeen when he embarked in business for himself, selling flour and feed. As time passed and his patronage increased, he added groceries, tobacco and cigars, and he carried on his store successfully until 1892.

Prior to that, for thirteen years, he conducted an extensive ice business in connection with his other business. At that time, 1892, he received the appointment of assistant corporation clerk from Governor Pattison, and held that office four years. While serving that appointment he retained his residence in Danville, but performed his official duties at the State capital. Returning to Danville at the end of that period he took the position of shipping clerk at the Structural Tubing Company, being engaged there until he entered upon the duties of his present office, Jan. 1, 1903. He is clerk for the county commissioners and deputy treasurer, and has been retained in the office continuously to the present by reelection. This recognition of the value of his services has been well deserved, for he has endeavored to discharge his responsibilities with the utmost efficiency. He has also been a member of the school board. For some time Mr. Blue was editor of the *Danville Intelligencer*, one of the oldtime Democratic newspapers of the borough, then owned by the late Hon. Rufus K. Polk, being connected with the paper in that relation until after Mr. Polk's death, which occurred March 5, 1902.

In politics Mr. Blue has been a Democrat, and he has taken an active part in the workings of the party and was long a prominent member of the county committee, of which he has been chairman and secretary. Socially he holds membership in the Heptasophs and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

On Dec. 24, 1884, Mr. Blue married Stella Scott Beaver, daughter of Thomas W. Beaver, and of English extraction. They have had three children, Isabel M., Edith B. (now Mrs. Horace Hahn, of New Rochelle, N. Y.) and Abigail E. The family home at Danville has been at No. 8 Mill street for the last thirty years. Mrs. Blue is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

ROSANNA (McBRIDE) SECHLER, widow of M. De Lafayette Sechler, was born in Limestoneville, Limestone township, Columbia Co., Pa., Dec. 13, 1833. She is now

residing in her home at No. 220 Honeymoon street, Danville, Pennsylvania.

James D. McBride, who has been dead over fifty years, was the father of Mrs. Sechler. He was born in Ireland, and came to America with his parents when he was but six weeks old. They settled in Washingtonville, in what is now Montour county, Pa., where James was educated in the country schools and learned the trade of bricklayer, which he followed all of his days. He worked principally in Milton, McEwensville and Turbotville. He died at the age of sixty-five, and is buried at Turbotville. He was a Democrat, and in religious belief had a leaning toward the old Lutheran Church. He married Mary Betz, who was born near Muncy, Lycoming county, and died in Danville March 11, 1875, aged seventy-five years, four months, nineteen days. Their children were: Abner, who married Cynthia Bradley, (second) Mary Hayes, (third) Maria Correll and (fourth) Susan Correll, the latter living in Wayne county, Ohio; Peter, who married Sarah Lily; Mary, who married Peter Stahl; Sarah, who married Henry Keiser; Elizabeth, who married Albert Smith and (second) a Mr. Haws; James, who married Rebecca Beck; Rosanna, Mrs. Sechler; Margaret, who married Capt. John A. Winner. Of these children Mrs. Sechler is the only one now living. After the death of her husband, Mrs. McBride moved to the old Sechler farm and lived with her daughter Rosanna until her death. She was buried in the Episcopal cemetery at Danville.

Rosanna McBride was educated in the schools of Limestone township, and after her father's death lived with her brother Abner, who was then a widower. Her mother and the younger brothers and sisters also lived with them, and the mother kept house for her son. Rosanna was married Feb. 1, 1854, to Marquis De Lafayette Sechler, son of Jacob and Barbara (Rees) Sechler, and they had children as follows: Margaret, born Sept. 10, 1856, married Jeremiah Foust, of Mahoning township, and has one child, Lafayette Sechler; Anna Mary, born Oct. 11, 1860, married Rev. John H. Mortimer, of Altoona, Pa., and has had four children, Rosie, Zella, John Floy (dead), Earl Lincoln; William A., deceased, born Aug. 2, 1865, married Mary Williams, and left one child, Jay Williams; Ida May, born June 23, 1870, a music teacher, is living with her mother. Mrs. Sechler is an attendant of the Trinity Lutheran Church, under the care of the General Council, being a charter member. At the age of fourteen she

was confirmed by Rev. Mr. Boyer as a member of the Lutheran Church at McEwensville.

M. DE LAFAYETTE SECHLER was born May 23, 1833, on his father's farm near Danville, and spent fifty-two years of his life there. He attended the public schools and the academy at Danville. Of the eight boys born to his father, seven left the old home, but Lafayette remained to help him until his death. He then moved to the home now occupied by his widow and lived there retired. He had meantime bought a farm of sixty-six acres near Lewisburg, which his son-in-law, Jeremiah Foust, cultivates under lease. Mr. Sechler died Dec. 24, 1903, at the age of seventy, and is buried in the Episcopal cemetery at Danville. He was a Democrat and was school director, overseer of the poor for twelve years, and member of the borough council for six years. He was a member of Montour Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F., Beaver Lodge, No. 132, K. of P., and Mahoning Tribe, No. 77, I. O. R. M. He was a charter member of Trinity Lutheran Church, of Danville, and very active in its work, having held all the offices in the gift of the congregation.

John Sechler, grandfather of Lafayette, was born in 1739, and was one of the oldest settlers of Danville. The lands on the southeast of the original portion of Danville were owned by the Sechler family for many years. That part of the town above Church street was laid out by John Sechler on his land. John Sechler settled in Mahoning township, cleared a large tract of land and built a house and barn. He was plowing in the field one day when the news of the Declaration of Independence was brought to him. He left the plow at once and went to his house, where he said to his wife, "Washington has called for men and I must go." He went, and during the campaign suffered many hardships. Afterward he told his family that at times he would awake in camp in the morning and find his hair frozen to the ground. He became one of the prominent citizens of Danville and contributed portions of land at different times for improvements, sites for schoolhouses, churches and cemeteries. He was the most important contributor of land for the Grove cemetery and church, now the site of Memorial Park. In this park he and his wife are buried. He died Dec. 24, 1831, aged ninety-two years, nine months, one day, while his wife passed away Oct. 5, 1825.

John Sechler married Christina Goodman, who was born Jan. 11, 1750, and their children were: John, who died Jan. 11, 1844, at the

age of seventy-two; Jacob, mentioned below; Rudolph, one of the first postmasters and justices of the peace of Danville; George; Herman, who died Jan. 7, 1829, aged forty-three (he married Hannah Vanderbilt); Sophia, Mrs. Peter Culp, who survived her husband and died June 5, 1845, aged seventy-four years, eleven months, twenty-two days. After a very active life, John retired and lived with his son John, in Danville. He was a Democrat and active in the affairs of his party. He and his wife were members of the Grove Presbyterian Church.

Jacob Sechler, son of John, learned shoemaking and labored at that trade until late in life. He then bought his father's old farm, consisting of 100 acres, and retired upon it in 1854, his son Lafayette operating it for him. He was married to Barbara Reese, and they had these children: Abraham, who married Levina Parkes and (second) Hannah Wertman; Samuel, who married Maria Morgan; Jacob, who married Susan Harris; Mary, who married Mr. Miller and (second) Thomas Coxey; Charles M., who married Anna Barr; Allen, who married Rachel Snyder and (second) Emily Love, of Long Branch, N. J.; Frank, who married Abigail Best; James, who married Mary Farley; and Lafayette, mentioned above. Jacob Sechler was a Republican and he and his wife attended the Episcopal Church. Both are buried in the Episcopal cemetery at Danville.

WILLIAM A. SECHLER, son of Lafayette and Rosanna Sechler, was born in Danville Aug. 2, 1865, and was educated in the public and high schools of that place. He was graduated from Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., taught in the township schools for one term, and in the Second ward grammar school of Danville for two years. He next held the position of bookkeeper for Cruikshank & Mayer, of Danville, and then entered the Danville Stove Works, where he remained for twenty-one years, being the manager of the plant for some years before his death. Mr. Sechler was a Democrat, and served as school director, having been re-elected for a term of six years before his death, under the new code; he was holding the position of president of the board at the time of his death. He was a member of Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., of which he was a past master, was past high priest of Danville Chapter, No. 239, Royal Arch Masons, and past eminent commander of Calvary Commandery, No. 37, Knights Templars.

He attended St. Paul's Methodist Church, being steward and trustee. His death occurred April 5, 1912, and he is interred in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville.

Jay Williams Sechler, son of William A., was born in Danville Oct. 26, 1890, educated in the public schools of the town, passed through the high school, and graduated from the collegiate department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1912. He is now attending the law department of that institution.

DANIEL HOWARD FRAZIER has been in the livery business at Danville for several years, and his father, James O. Frazier, was engaged in that line here, also conducting a hotel business. The Fraziers have been well known in Montour county for several years and the father and grandfather of Daniel H. Frazier both served as sheriff, the latter being the first to hold that office in Montour county after its separation from Columbia county.

Daniel F. Frazier, grandfather of Daniel H. Frazier, was born in Danville in 1815, of Scotch-Irish ancestry. His parents both died at Danville, the mother surviving the father some thirty-five years. Their children were: James, William, Alexander, Thomas, Daniel F., Christianna, Agnes, Sarah, and two who died in childhood. Of these, Daniel F. Frazier worked for his father until the latter's death, after which he bought the home farm from the estate and many years later sold it to the Reading Railroad Company, whose depot was located thereon. It also was the site of much of the newer part of Danville. In 1852 Mr. Frazier bought and moved to a farm in Derry township, Montour county, where he lived until his death, March 28, 1879. He always followed farming. He was an influential citizen of his day, and as before noted was the first sheriff elected in Montour county after its separation from Columbia county. He was a lifelong member of the Presbyterian Church. On Dec. 27, 1840, Mr. Frazier married Ellen Olwine, who was born in 1816 at Reading, Pa., daughter of Jacob Olwine, of Schuylkill county, and she survived her husband, dying in March, 1903. After her husband's death she sold part of the Derry township farm and removed to the other part. She was of German origin. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frazier, two of whom died in infancy, and Alice died when twenty-seven years, eight months old. The others were: James O.; Mary Isabella, wife of James E. Steker, of Washingtonville; Hannah M.,

who lived with her mother; and Edward D., born in Danville Feb. 16, 1852, who married Sarah Jane Herr, daughter of Samuel Herr, and settled in Valley township.

James O. Frazier was born at Danville Dec. 9, 1845, and passed his early life on the farm in Derry township, near Washingtonville, where his father settled. He received his education in the public schools. For some years he was engaged in farming, until his election to the office of sheriff, in 1885, and he had the distinction of being the only Republican chosen to that office from the time the county was organized until 1904. For a number of years Mr. Frazier conducted a livery business in Danville, and he was also engaged in hotelkeeping there, carrying on the "White Horse Hotel" and "Frazier's Hotel" on Mill street. He died June 15, 1902, at the age of fifty-six years. In 1875 Mr. Frazier married Mary Martz, daughter of Jacob Martz, and of German descent. She died June 8, 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Frazier were members of the Lutheran Church. They had the following children: Alice E., Daniel H., Clarence W. and James O.

Daniel Howard Frazier was born Nov. 8, 1877, at Washingtonville, removed with his parents to Danville thirty-two years ago (1914), and received his education here in the public schools. Practically all his active years he has been engaged as a liveryman and hotelkeeper, and conducted the business establishment of his father until 1908, when he opened a livery and sales stable in Danville. He has built up a large trade by accommodating his patrons, and is regarded as one of the substantial men of his line in this section of the county.

In October, 1909, Mr. Frazier married Louise Lorah, and they have one child, James Olwine. Mr. Frazier is a member of the Grove Presbyterian Church, and socially belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

**BEVERLY WHITING MUSSELMAN**, manager of the Globe Warehouse, of Danville, Montour county, is prominent in the business life of that borough and particularly well known all over this part of Pennsylvania in his active connection with Sunday school and Y. M. C. A. work. Mr. Musselman was born in Danville April 29, 1873, son of Beverly Whiting and Anna (Clark) Musselman, both now deceased, the former of whom was master mechanic of what is now the Reading Iron Company, at Danville.

After receiving an excellent public school

education, in the primary and high schools of Danville, Beverly Whiting Musselman entered the dry goods business, with which he has ever since been associated. At the age of seventeen he began as clerk in a dry goods store known as the Company Store, owned by W. C. Frick, and in his long experience has become thoroughly familiar with the trade, particularly the demands of the patronage in and around Danville. In 1906 he took his present position as manager of the Globe Warehouse, which is an important dry goods establishment of the borough.

Mr. Musselman is a leading member of St. Paul's M. E. Church of Danville, is serving as member of the board of stewards, and teaches in the Sunday school. He is now president of the Montour County Sunday School Association. For fifteen years he has been a member of the board of trustees of the local Y. M. C. A., and was formerly president of that body for five years. He is a well known member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Danville, being a past grand of the local lodge, Montour, No. 109. In political conviction he is a Republican.

On June 7, 1900, Mr. Musselman married Mary Brown, of Danville, daughter of Benton B. and Mary Elizabeth (Bassett) Brown. They have one child, Elizabeth Bassett, now (1914) nine years old.

**JOSEPH HEIM**, proprietor of the Luna Amusement Palace, at Danville, Pa., and formerly a manufacturer at that place, was born Sept. 11, 1874, at Scranton, Pa., son of Julius and Sarah (Maier) Heim.

Julius Heim was born in Baden, Germany, Dec. 4, 1846, and after the death of his parents left the Fatherland, at the age of fifteen years, emigrating to the United States. On reaching New York City he began to learn the trade of butcher, an occupation which he followed for some years, but subsequently went to Scranton, Pa., where for the next twelve years he was engaged in clerking in a dry goods store. Then he again went to New York City, where he spent four years as a traveling salesman, at the end of that period resuming the dry goods business in Scranton. In 1889 Mr. Heim came to Danville, Pa., and here, in a modest way, embarked in the manufacture of suspenders, under the firm style of the Danville Suspender Company. Industry, perseverance and modern ideas caused this concern to grow rapidly, and at the time of Mr. Heim's death, Sept. 27, 1912, it had assumed large proportions. He

was an excellent business man and devoted the greater part of his attention to building up his venture, but was not indifferent to the duties of citizenship, and at the time of his death was acting in the capacity of city councilman, to which office he had been elected on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Heim was married to Sarah Maier, daughter of Jacob and Helen Maier, natives of Baden, Germany, and to this union there were born two children, Joseph and Gertrude, the latter a musician; she resides at home.

Joseph Heim, son of Julius Heim, was born Sept. 11, 1874, in Scranton, Pa. He received his early education in the public schools there, following which he attended Wood's business college, and on graduating therefrom, at the age of fifteen years, was employed by his father. He was in partnership with him at Danville for seventeen years, but after his father's death Mr. Heim disposed of the business. On Aug. 17, 1912, he completed arrangements for the opening of his moving picture theatre and amusement building, which has become one of the most popular resorts in Danville. The Luna Amusement Palace was erected at a cost of \$17,000, and outside of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh is the only enterprise of its size in the northern part of the State, as well as the only amusement place in Danville that will be operated every day in the year. Mr. Heim has endeavored to give the public a clean, moral entertainment, and to secure the best of attractions for their amusement, and his efforts have been rewarded by a liberal patronage.

On Dec. 16, 1899, Mr. Heim was married to Blanche Gross, of Bloomsburg, Pa., who was born in 1872, daughter of Louis and Fanny (Bloch) Gross, the former of whom is engaged in the clothing business at Bloomsburg, and is also a bank director. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Heim: Morton I., who was born Oct. 1, 1900, and died May 7, 1906; and Helen Clare, born July 25, 1907. Mr. Heim is independent in his political views, believing it the privilege of each citizen to cast his ballot for the candidate he deems best fitted for the office, irrespective of party lines. He has taken some interest in fraternal matters, and at the present time is a member of the following Danville organizations: Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, A. F. & A. M.; Montour Lodge, No. 109, I. O. F.; Beaver Lodge, No. 132, Knights of Pythias, and the Spanish-American War Veterans.

HON. JENNINGS ULLMER KURTZ, known throughout Columbia and adjoining counties as "Judge Kurtz," was born in Briar-creek township, Columbia Co., Pa., within a half mile of the Summer Hill Church, on the morning of July 3, 1856. His parents were Levi and Elizabeth (Schlabach) Kurtz, both of whom were of German extraction, and born in Northampton county, Pa., the father at a point on the Delaware river known as "Sandts Eddy," and the mother at the village of Nazareth, now noted for its cement industry.

Levi Kurtz's father, Henry, spelled his name either Kotz or Kutz, some of the brothers of Levi spelling it one way and some the other, but he spelled it Kutz until in the seventies, when, the pronunciation having for many years been Kurtz, the "r" came into the name to stay and so remains—a sample of an error much in evidence among the Pennsylvania Germans.

Henry Kutz intermarried with Charity Snyder, and to them were born ten children: Henry, Jeremiah, Andrew, William, Samuel, Levi, Millie (who married Jeremiah Ullmer, of New Holland, N. J.), and three children who died in infancy.

Elizabeth (Schlabach) Kurtz was the daughter of Daniel and Maria Ann (More) Schlabach, to whom, in addition to Mrs. Kurtz, there were born the following children: Charles, William, Amanda (intermarried with Daniel Moomey), Thomas, Sarah Jane (intermarried with Reuben Hines, deceased, later intermarried with William Carroll), and Lydia (intermarried with Ephraim Trowbridge, deceased, later intermarried with a Mr. Grubb).

Henry Kutz died in 1830. In 1843 his son Andrew, who had heard much of the county of Columbia as giving promise of greater opportunities for struggling young men, removed to what had for years been known as the Samuel Fowler farm, near Berwick, from which within the last few years many lots have been sold, among them those of Frederick H. Eaton, George Harter, J. W. Evans and others. He was accompanied by his younger brother, Levi, the father of Jennings U. Kurtz, and when Andrew removed to Milton Levi followed. But learning the cigar manufacturing business, he went to Washingtonville, Montour county, and from there returned to Columbia county, where he married Elizabeth Schlabach. After farming at Summer Hill until 1858, he then traded his farm for a store at Foundryville, then a quite important place



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in Columbia county, removing from there to Evansville, same county, and later to Berwick, Pennsylvania.

In 1870 Levi Kurtz purchased a small marble business from William Ruch, and Jennings U. Kurtz left school to learn the trade. He was then not quite fourteen years of age. When sixteen years old he assumed charge of the manufacturing end of the business. He learned the marble business from the rubbing bench to the lettering and carving end of it, and this thorough grounding in the details of the business has no doubt contributed to his later success in making it the largest and most important of its kind in this part of the State.

In March, 1879, Reese Milliard, one of the associate judges, having died, Gov. Daniel Hastings, at the suggestion of Frederick H. Eaton, appointed Mr. Kurtz to fill the vacancy, which he held until the fall of that year. Having won the esteem of the people of the county by the manner in which he discharged the duties of the office, he was elected for the succeeding term of five years. The "Judge" was elected by a majority of fifty-five votes over his Democratic opponent, but as the Democratic sheriff was elected by a majority of about two thousand Mr. Kurtz, as the first Republican elected to office for a great many years, felt very much honored. He has held quite a number of offices at the disposal of the people, having been school director six years, on the town council four years and associate judge six years. He was on the board of directors of the Berwick Cemetery Association for over twenty years, and is a member of the board of directors of the Berwick Hospital Association now. His public life has been constructive. When a member of the school board he helped plan the erection of an addition to the Market street school building. When on the council he devoted much time to systemizing the accounts, reports and filing system for the same. As a director of the Cemetery Association he quickly saw the waste in allowing a small salary to the superintendent, thus forcing him to make the balance of his living from what he could gather from the cemetery patrons, so the salary was fixed at a living sum and all income taken over by the association. From this point the cemetery became self supporting, all plots were cared for, the right of personal care of plots revoked and all placed in the hands of the association, deep paths filled up gradually, and a lawn plan eventually adopted; and, as best of all for the future, a fund has been established for the care

of the cemetery when all the land is exhausted, by founding a perpetual care fund, the principal of which can never be diminished, the interest of which only may be used in the care of the cemetery, thus guaranteeing the maintenance of the ground for cemetery purposes for all time.

Judge Kurtz was called in with some others when a critical time had arrived in the life of the Hospital Association. With the other directors he formulated a project for the construction of a hospital building, plans were prepared, and the present beautiful and convenient building was erected.

In politics the "Judge" is a stalwart Republican and has played a somewhat strenuous part in his party. He had charge of the application for the appointment of Hon. C. C. Evans as presiding judge, and later managed his campaign for election, bringing it to a successful end. He was appointed postmaster by President Roosevelt just at the close of his administration, taking charge of the office March 13, 1909, and incidentally again proved the unlucky reputation of that number, as by reason of the dissensions in the Republican party he failed of reappointment at the close of President Taft's term, his name being sent to the Senate but failing of confirmation.

The cheery smile of the "Judge" is proverbial. His interest in Berwick has never flagged, no new idea for its betterment being considered but he is deeply interested and ready to aid, and he contends that he is the oldest business man in Berwick at this writing, 1915, as he has been continuously engaged in business for forty-three years.

His family consists of his wife, who was Fannie May Sult, a daughter of Daniel and Anna Maria (Opdyke) Sult, and the following children: Pearl Elizabeth, married to Edward A. Van Horn, now superintendent of William Penn colliery, at Shenandoah, Pa.; Ruth Sult, married to R. Curtis Welliver, a mining engineer with the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Claude Morris, with his father in the monument business; Nellie May, married to A. D. Fetterman, who is with the American Car and Foundry Company, Berwick, Pa.; and Katharine, who died in 1898.

THOMAS F. KERSWELL, who is engaged in farming in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., where he is also justice of the peace, was born in Calcutta, India, May 31,



1867, son of William Peak and Mary Elizabeth Grierson (Titcomb) Kerswell.

William Drake Kerswell, the paternal grandfather of Thomas F. Kerswell, followed the vocation of sailor, and was in the East Indian service throughout his life.

William Peak Kerswell, son of William Drake Kerswell, was born July 16, 1836, in Devonshire, England, was there given a good common school education, and at the age of eighteen years entered the English marine service. His ability and faithful service brought him continual promotion, and he was eventually given command of a vessel of the Honorable East India Company, an organization which protected the mercantile traffic of Great Britain. He received this responsible trust when but twenty-two years of age and has continued in the confidence of his superiors, now having command of the headquarters on the Mutlak river, where his department inspects and tests all oil shipped to India from all the nations. Mr. Kerswell married Mary Elizabeth Grierson Titcomb, who was born Sept. 1, 1837, and eight children have been born to them, namely: William, who is a sea captain and lives in South Africa; Robert, a sea pilot in the British service; Charles, also a sea captain; Thomas F.; Anna, who resides in England; Mary Albina, who is superintendent of Mercy Home, a charitable institution of North England; Sarah Emma, who is the wife of J. P. White, an English solicitor; and Florence, who resides in the north of England.

The maternal grandparents of Thomas F. Kerswell were Sir Thomas G. Grierson Titcomb and his wife Mary Ann (Snell), of Rockell, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, Mrs. Kerswell being their second daughter. Her brother, Dr. Thomas Grierson Titcomb, was Bishop of Rangoon, India.

Thomas F. Kerswell, son of William Peak Kerswell, received his primary education in the public schools. Belonging to a family whose members had always followed the sea, he was then sent to the India marine service, where he rapidly rose to the rank of lieutenant commander. In 1882 he entered the service of the Red Star Line, a passenger steamboat company, with which he served as purser for six years, between Antwerp and New York. The lure of the States attracted him as it has so many of his countrymen, and he located in Atlantic City, N. J., where for a time he was steward and later clerk of the "Dennis Hotel." Three years later he came to Washingtonville, Pa., and in 1909 located

on his present farm in Liberty township. Although somewhat retired from active pursuits Mr. Kerswell still takes a keen interest in those things which affect his community, and his influence is continually felt in all matters pertaining to progress. A stalwart Democrat in politics, while a resident of Washingtonville, he served two terms as justice of the peace, and Nov. 21, 1911, was elected justice of the peace of Liberty township. He is influential in his party, is a member of the Democratic county committee, has served as State delegate, and is a member of the election board. He is a member of Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 1570, A. F. and A. M., and of St. George Chapter, No. 872, R. A. M., both of England. He was brought up in the Church of England.

Mr. Kerswell married Sarah Maria Bogart, who was born Sept. 9, 1863, in Liberty township, daughter of George and Phoebe (Bogart) Bogart.

JOHN HORACE DIETZ, a progressive and energetic business man of Danville, who is a member of the firm of the Danville Milling Company, was born Oct. 10, 1871, at Howard, in Howard township, Center Co., Pa., son of Henry Cyrus and Prudence J. (Brooks) Dietz.

Jacob Dietz, the grandfather of John Horace Dietz, was born June 2, 1820, in Cologne, Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1838, eventually settling in Howard township, Center Co., Pa., where he purchased a tract of over one hundred acres of land and followed farming until the time of his death, passing away Nov. 20, 1891, when more than seventy years old. His wife, Elizabeth (Minich), was a few years older at the time of her demise, Oct. 24, 1905. She was born March 29, 1825, in Madisonburg, Brush Valley, Centre county. Mr. Dietz was a Democrat in politics and he and Mrs. Dietz were members of Shiloh German Reformed Church, of Howard, Pa. They are buried in the Reformed burial ground at Jacksonville, Center county. They were the parents of the following children: Henry Cyrus, the father of John H.; Elizabeth, born in 1849, who married William Wells and (second) John Packer; Susan, born in 1852 (her twin sister died at birth), who married Philip Ertel and lives at Howard, Pa.; Joanna, born in 1854, deceased wife of John Stover; J. Franklin, born in 1855, who married Alice J. Corman; John and William, twins, born in 1858, the

former of whom married Susan Packer (he is engaged in business at Jacksonville), the latter Sarah Spotts; George, born in 1860, who married Annie Mann and (second) Sophia Masden; Emma and David K., twins, born in 1862, the former of whom married Ammon Gramley, the latter Hulda Morgan; and Ephraim C., born in 1866, who married Edith Hockman.

Henry Cyrus Dietz, father of John Horace Dietz, was born Sept. 10, 1846, in Center county, Pa., was educated in the public schools of Howard, and worked with his father until his marriage, after which he became a tenant farmer on the Long farm at Mount Eagle. After a number of years there he went with his sons to White Deer Mountain, Union county, and worked in the lumber woods for three years, and upon leaving went to Danville, about the time the new steel plant started operations. Securing employment in the Reading Iron Company's rolling mills, he remained five years, and upon severing his connection therewith started to work for his son, Lewis C. Dietz, the proprietor of a meat market. He died while thus engaged, Aug. 31, 1913. Mr. Dietz was an adherent of the Democratic party, a member of Shiloh Reformed Church, Danville, and a regular attendant of Sunday school. Formerly a member of Calumet Lodge, No. 279, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, he changed his membership to Montour Lodge, No. 109, of that fraternity. Mr. Dietz married Prudence J. Brooks, who was born Sept. 27, 1844, daughter of John A. Brooks, and she died Dec. 23, 1912. Both she and Mr. Dietz are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville. They were the parents of the following children: Mary, who died in infancy; Ida, who married Robert Reese, of Danville; John Horace; Henry A., who married Mary Churm, of Valley township, Montour county; Edward M., who married Fanny Schott, of Danville; Alice E., living at Danville, the widow of Hiram Bevan; Lewis C., who married Viola Merrell, of Danville; Fannie, who married Chauncey Hollister, of Girard, Ohio; Robert P.; and Anna, single, living at the old family home on Chambers street, Danville.

John Horace Dietz was given an ordinary education in the public schools of Howard, Pa., and until thirteen years of age worked out among the farmers of his township. He then entered the lumber business with his father, on White Deer Mountain, but after three

years came to Danville and secured employment at the Montour Iron Works, there spending a like period, following which he took a position with the North Branch Steel Company. After spending one year in general work for that company he began to learn the trade of miller, with the Minnetonka Milling Company, a stock concern, and after the disbanding of this company took a position with H. A. Hargrave as second miller, continuing in this capacity three years. In 1898, with two partners, G. A. Fry and Charles J. Lawrence, Mr. Dietz formed the Danville Milling Company and rented the Mausdale Mill, at Mausdale, Valley township, owned by P. E. Maus, son of Philip F. Maus. They operated that mill until Jan. 1, 1901, at which time they purchased the present mill from the Reading Iron Company, and here they have since continued, in the enjoyment of an excellent business. Mr. Dietz is a business man of marked ability, in whom his associates place the utmost confidence. His career has been one of steadfast endeavor, and has been characterized by strict adherence to the highest business principles.

On April 14, 1896, Mr. Dietz was married to Emma Eleanor Farley, a daughter of Robert M. and Ella Elizabeth (Forney) Farley, born Sept. 26, 1873, and to this union there have come two children: Charles Earl, born Sept. 9, 1900; and Edna Anna, born Feb. 23, 1907. In politics Mr. Dietz is a Democrat, but he has been too busily engaged with his milling interests to think of entering the public arena as a seeker for personal political favors. He has at all times shown himself a loyal and public-spirited citizen, ready to bear his full share of the responsibilities of citizenship and to contribute of his time, energy and means in promoting movements for the general welfare. He has taken some active part in fraternal affairs, being a valued member of Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Montour Lodge, No. 109, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past grand; Montour Castle, No. 186, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of which he is a past chief; and Mnemoloton Encampment, No. 40, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of which he is a past chief patriarch. For years he has been a member of Shiloh Reformed Church, of Danville, and has taken an active and helpful part in its work, as has also Mrs. Dietz, who is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society and of the Missionary Society. Both are

widely and favorably known in Danville and the vicinity, where they have numerous friends.

CHARLES W. SHULTZ, farmer, dairyman and stock raiser of Limestone township, Montour county, and at present serving as supervisor, is a descendant of a much respected family which has been settled in that section for one hundred and twenty-five years. He was born Nov. 15, 1858, in West Hemlock township, Montour county, son of John K. Shultz. He is a great-great-grandson of Philip Shultz, who came from Germany and settled on a farm in New Jersey, where he died. His son, Jacob, was born in New Jersey and came to what is now Montour county in 1790, settling first at Limestoneville. A year later he came to the farm now occupied by his grandson, John K. Shultz, and there resided until his death in 1804, when with other settlers he was carried away by typhoid fever. He was the father of eight children, the last survivor being Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Mostellar, who in 1887 was a resident of West Hemlock township, at the age of eighty-seven.

Peter Shultz, son of Jacob, was three years old when his parents came to Montour county. He was reared on a farm, and after his marriage moved to the farm adjoining, where he resided fifty years, dying July 11, 1862, at the age of seventy-five. He was an elder in the old Derry Church for many years, and politically a Democrat. His wife was Sarah Robbins, of Columbia county, and their children were: William, a resident of Columbia county; Jonathan P., who died in Northumberland county in 1886; Jacob and Vincent R., living in West Hemlock township, Montour county; James, of Rush township, Northumberland county; Benjamin F., a physician of Danville; Peter, of Anthony township; Mary K., wife of Benjamin Crossley, of Michigan; and John K. Mrs. Shultz died in 1872 at the age of eighty-one years.

John K. Shultz was born in the old home on March 5, 1825, and lived with his father until his marriage, when he moved to the adjoining farm in West Hemlock township, which he owned until his death, Dec. 4, 1893. There he lived for nineteen years, when, having previously bought the old homestead and erected thereon a fine house, he removed to it in October, 1874. He was married Oct. 11, 1855, to Rebecca, daughter of James McVicker, of Anthony township. She was born in that township June 6, 1826. Seven chil-

dren blessed this union, the eldest and youngest dying in infancy. The others were: Anna M., deceased, wife of William R. Robinson, of Washingtonville; Sarah C., deceased; Charles W., who married Sarah J. Watts; Clarence J., living at Mooresburg; and William Barber, residing on the old homestead in Derry township.

Mr. Shultz held several township offices, including that of justice of the peace, and was a Democrat politically. To farming he added the vocations of cattle raising and horse dealing. He and his wife were members of the Derry Presbyterian Church.

After receiving a rather limited schooling Charles W. Shultz did farm work, for a time being so employed in Lee county, Ill. Returning home he clerked for a time in Sullivan county, and later farmed for a year for his father before his marriage, after which he rented a farm in the Frosty valley for two years. Subsequently he passed a year on a farm at Maudsley, and then selling out his interests here took his wife and child out to Lee county, Ill. They remained there for about nine years, Mr. Shultz engaging in farming for seven years, at the end of which time he sold his farm and went into the mercantile business at Pawpaw, same county, continuing same nearly two years. Selling out, he came back to Pennsylvania and settled on his present place, 107 acres, in Limestone township, Montour county, which he bought in 1895. He is one of the most prosperous farmers of his part of the county, and he has continued the various branches of agricultural work very profitably, carrying on stock raising and dairying as well as farming, and burning considerable lime. Mr. Shultz is progressive in his ideas regarding the welfare of his community as well as his own work, and he has served several times as member of the school board, also holding the position of supervisor—at present filling his third term. In political association he is a Democrat. He is a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a trustee for the ten years past. His wife was also reared in that church.

On Oct. 16, 1884, Mr. Shultz married Sarah Jane Watts, who was born Jan. 18, 1865, in Lyncoming county, Pa., and they have had two children: May, born March 19, 1887, in Frosty Valley, is the wife of Howard H. Murray, formerly a carpenter, of Buffalo, N. Y., now farming his father-in-law's farm of seventy-five acres in Liberty township, Montour county; they have two children,

Herold and Gladys. Cyrus, born March 19, 1893, is at home working with his father. Mrs. Shultz prepared for the teacher's profession in the State normal school at Bloomsburg, and taught school at Washingtonville five terms before her marriage.

Thomas Watts, grandfather of Mrs. Shultz, came from England, and settled in Lycoming county, Pa. His wife's maiden name was Litty. Their son, David Watts, father of Mrs. Shultz, was born Jan. 14, 1831, and died May 26, 1911. He followed farming in Lycoming county. His wife, Jane (Watson), born Oct. 26, 1838, in Lycoming county, daughter of Hugh and Lucy (Seidel) Watson, died May 26, 1894. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. David Watts, four of whom survive: Elmer, of Hillsboro, Oregon; Cyrus, of Triumph, Ill.; Mrs. Charles W. Shultz, and Mary, married to John Moore, of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

CHARLES E. VORIS, who is living retired from business activities, but is still serving Danville in the capacity of receiver and tax collector, was born at Danville, Pa., Nov. 19, 1855, son of Elijah C. and Julia D. (Troxell) Voris.

The Voris family settled in New Jersey in Colonial times, and the original spelling of the name was Voorhees, James (grandfather of Charles E.) and his brother John changing it to the present form. The family is of Holland Dutch descent. Gilbert Voorhees, the great-grandfather, was born in New Jersey in 1757, and died in 1797 at Danville, Pa. His wife, Jane (McClanahan), died at Danville in 1816. Their children were: James; John, who married Sarah Hendrickson; Nellie, who married Elijah Crawford; and Elizabeth, wife of Peter Vandling.

James Voris, the grandfather, was born in 1787 in Northumberland (now Montour) county, Pa. He followed carpenter work and contracting in Liberty township until he reached the age of fifty years, when he retired, and his death occurred in 1866. He was one of the original organizers of the Presbyterian Church in his locality, and a man highly esteemed in the community. His wife, Anne (Gray), was a native of Ireland, born near Dublin, and came to America when she was six weeks old. Her parents, Archibald and Elizabeth (Mustard) Gray, were both born in Ireland, and both died in Ohio. They lived to be over ninety years of age. A large family was born to James and Anne (Gray) Voris, as follows: (1) Gilbert, born

June 9, 1809, died in 1850. He married Katherine Ashenfelder, and they had three children: Agnes, Mrs. Frank Miller; James, who was killed during the Civil war, at the battle of Fredericksburg; and Daniel G., who married Jennie Moyer. (2) Elizabeth, born Nov. 8, 1810, died Nov. 12, 1880. She married Joseph Diehl, and they had children: Anna Margaret, Mrs. Joseph Auten; Alex Montgomery, who married Jessie Krote and (second) May W. Haust; and Alice, Mrs. Arthur W. Beaver. (3) John, born June 3, 1812, died in 1848. (4) Jane, born Dec. 23, 1813, died in April, 1860. (5) Daniel Gray, born March 11, 1816, died Nov. 17, 1880. By his first marriage, to Mary Hopewell, he had one child, and by his second wife, Charlotte Richie, there were three: Elijah Oakley, who married Ada Döeph; Robert R., who married Annie Bernard; and Annie. (6) Archibald Gray, born Sept. 14, 1817, died April 17, 1894. He married Rebecca Frick, and had five children, Elizabeth A., Mary F., Clarence G. (married Mary Bruner), Louisa and John G. (married Elizabeth Hixson). (7) Reuben B., born March 8, 1819, died Nov. 18, 1903. To him and his wife Harriet (Vance) has been born one child, Alfred L., married to Celeste James. (8) Thomas, born Oct. 31, 1820, died Aug. 27, 1841. (9) James, born Aug. 24, 1822, died Oct. 17, 1833. (10) Eleanor, born Aug. 1, 1824, died Feb. 12, 1893. She married Robert McCoy, and they have had five children: Martha, Mrs. A. M. Gearhart; Margaret, Mrs. Benjamin Rhumbach; John B., who married Louisa Lyon; Samuel A., who married Elizabeth Shindle; and Arthur, who married Annie Geiss. (11) Elijah C. is mentioned below. (12) Sarah Bell, born Aug. 4, 1828, died Sept. 6, 1891. She married John Bartholomew, and they had two children, Thomas (married Regina Grone) and Annie (married C. E. Yorks). (13) William P., born April 3, 1830, married Letitia Zuber, and they had three children, John J., Irene (Mrs. William Gray) and Nellie (Mrs. James Minor). (14) Christina M., born April 3, 1830, died Nov. 21, 1894. She married David F. Stroh, and they had three children, Edwin V., Rebecca (married Alexander Craig and Seth Lormer) and Charles (married Emma Randolph).

Elijah C. Voris, son of James Voris, and father of Charles E. Voris, was born Jan. 4, 1826, in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., and at the age of sixteen years started to learn the trade of carpenter with Joseph Diehl. During the next thirty-seven years he was

engaged in following this vocation, and became well known as a contractor. He superintended the erection of the Danville nail works, and was one of the original stockholders in the concern. He was also engaged in pattern-making at the old Haywood-Schneider foundry, where he became superintendent, but in 1884 retired from active business and lived quietly until his death, Nov. 11, 1910, when he was eighty-four years of age. Of his parents' fourteen children, he lived the longest, and was everywhere respected and esteemed. A Democrat in politics, during the early part of the Civil war he served as chief Burgess of Danville, and was also a member of the school board and overseer of the poor. Mr. Voris married Julia D. Troxell, who was born in Pennsylvania, daughter of Benjamin and Eliza (Housel) Troxell, an old and honored farming couple of the 'Keystone State'. She died in 1909, aged seventy-six years. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Voris, of whom Charles E. is the only survivor. William Alfred, born June 13, 1859, died March 20, 1901; he married Florence Henrie, and they had two children: Benjamin Troxell, born Nov. 26, 1886, a machinist in the employ of the Danville Foundry & Machine Company; and Julia Spalding, born July 5, 1888, who is in the Arthur Wolley coal office. Frank Lawrence, born Oct. 8, 1865, was married June 23, 1897, to Emilia Krebs, and died Aug. 2, 1901. Benjamin Troxell, born Jan. 6, 1872, died June 4, 1872. James H., born Sept. 13, 1873, died April 16, 1904.

Charles E. Voris received his education in the public schools, after leaving which he secured employment in the planing mill. Later he became a patternmaker at the Reading Iron Works, and when thirty years of age went to New York City and was employed in a men's furnishing goods and neckwear store for five years. Returning to Danville at the end of this period, he resumed his old trade, and in 1894 became superintendent for John R. Bennett, a position he continued to hold until 1908. In that year he was elected city tax receiver on the Democratic ticket, and this position he has continued to hold to the present time. In his official capacity he has rendered his fellow citizens able and conscientious service, and he is known as a faithful, efficient and obliging public servant. Mr. Voris is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has not cared for fraternal orders, although he is not indifferent to the social amenities and has a wide circle of friends. He is unmarried.

LEVI V. BEYER, who is engaged in farming in Valley township, and also deals in meat, was born in Anthony township, Montour Co., Pa., June 18, 1847, son of Jacob and Martha (Van Horn) Beyer.

The great-grandfather was Philip Beyer, who came from Germany and settled in Berks county, Pa. He was a Revolutionary soldier. Jacob A. Beyer, grandfather of Levi V. Beyer, was born in Berks county, Pa. He married a Yerrick, and died in 1838, at the age of sixty years.

Jacob Beyer, son of Jacob A. Beyer, and father of Levi V. Beyer, was born April 2, 1820, in Berks county, Pa., and at the age of twenty years removed to Anthony township, Montour county, where he followed farming until 1859, at which time he located in Derry township. There he continued to carry on agricultural pursuits until his retirement, and his death occurred there in September, 1887. He married Martha Van Horn, who was born Oct. 17, 1827, in Northampton county, Pa., and died Oct. 4, 1870. Her parents, Cornelius and Susan (Major) Van Horn, were early settlers of Northampton county and later became residents of Madison township, Columbia county. Cornelius Van Horn fought as a soldier during the war of 1812. Eight children were born to Jacob and Martha Beyer: Levi V.; Mary, born March 14, 1850, who is the wife of Philip Everett, of Derry township; Cornelius, born Dec. 30, 1851, who died July 11, 1870; Clara J., born May 14, 1855, who died Sept. 15, 1870; Jacob, born March 12, 1859, who is living at Mooresburg, Pa.; Anna, born Sept. 28, 1862, who died Aug. 26, 1870; Hiram, born Oct. 15, 1865, who makes his home in Iowa; and Mahlon, born May 30, 1868, who died Oct. 29, 1896.

Levi V. Beyer, son of Jacob Beyer, completed his studies in 1859, and at that time hired out as a farm hand and was so engaged until 1866. In that year he engaged in the distilling business, and also operated a saw-mill until 1882, when, with seven others, he opened the Danville Stove and Manufacturing Company, with which he was connected until 1892. Then he disposed of his interests therein and began butchering and dairying in Valley township, where he has continued to the present time. He has built up an excellent business, and firmly established a place for himself among the substantial men of his community.

In 1872 Mr. Beyer was married to Sarah Melissa Flick, who was born Aug. 1, 1853,

in West Hemlock township, Montour Co., Pa., and four children have been born to them: Malcolm E., born March 18, 1873, married Carrie Earps, and they have had three children, Olive (wife of Joseph Yocum, of Milton, Pa., and mother of one child, Catherine), Eugene and Kenneth Levi; Estella, born Jan. 19, 1876, is the wife of William F. Adams, of Berwick, Pa., and has two children, Harry and Wellington; Harvey, born Dec. 12, 1885, now an agent at Philadelphia, married Anna Dorseheimer, and they have one child, H. Lloyd; Eva, born July 22, 1887, married Reece Merrill, of Mercer county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Beyer also have an adopted daughter, Florence Elizabeth, born Jan. 1, 1885. Mr. Beyer and his wife are members of St. John's German Reformed Church, of Maudsley. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has been twice elected trustee of Valley township, a position in which he rendered signal services to his fellow citizens.

The Flick family was of Holland Dutch extraction. Mrs. Beyer's great-great-grandfather was an earl, called Von Flick, the "Von" being dropped by his son Peter when he came to this country. He settled in Pennsylvania. Daniel and Catherine (Lily) Flick, of Columbia county, were Mrs. Beyer's grandparents. Her father, John L. Flick, born Jan. 11, 1815, died March 4, 1886; her mother, Elizabeth Shaner, daughter of John and Mary (Miller) Shaner, of Chester county, was born Aug. 17, 1824, and died March 28, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Flick are buried at New Columbia Church, in West Hemlock township, Montour county. They were married March 4, 1838, and had children as follows: Erastus V. married Susan Matilda Beyer and (second) Sarah Jane Beyer; Horace Curtis married Mary Lauber and settled in Oregon; Angeline Blanche married Ellis Betts, of Pueblo, Colo.; Robert Bruce, of Williamsport, Pa., married Sophia Casselberry; William Ellis married Mary A. Bloomer and is a resident of Danville; Sarah Melissa married Levi V. Beyer; Mary Catherine died when eight years old; Daniel married Mary Fox; Margaret Jane married William Taylor and after his death Albert Weidman, and lives at Norristown, Pa.; Elizabeth is deceased.

ROBERT EDWIN BLEE, proprietor of the "White Horse Hotel," one of the oldest hotels in Danville, Montour county, is a native of Derry township, that county, born at Washingtonville June 25, 1864. He is the eldest

son of the late Frank G. Blee, who died while serving his third term as associate judge of Montour county.

John Blee, the grandfather of Robert Edwin Blee, was born in 1783 and came to this country from Ireland in 1795, when but twelve years old. At Philadelphia he learned brickmaking, which trade he subsequently followed at Norristown. Having accumulated a little money he bought land in Anthony township, Montour county, near the farm of Robert McKee, but he later sold this property and bought another in Derry township, same county. In time, as he prospered, he bought two other farms, and afterward another, the one occupied by his son Frank, at one time owning four farms. He died in 1860, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was twice married, his first wife being Sarah McCord, who was the mother of ten children: Joseph, William, James, Robert, John, Joseph (2), Sarah, Mary, Margaret and Elizabeth; the three last named were living in Illinois in 1887, the others at that time all deceased. By his second marriage, to Hannah Gingles (whose mother was one of those who escaped at the Wyoming massacre), Mr. Blee had five children: Sarah A., wife of Edward Morris, of Washingtonville; Susan H., wife of John Butler, of Danville; Savilla and Maria F., twins, who died in childhood; and Frank G.

Frank G. Blee was born Aug. 5, 1839, and was reared in Pennsylvania. When a youth of seventeen he went out to Illinois, where he remained until the spring of 1860. In 1861 he joined an army wagon train in the quartermaster's department, with which he continued until the fall of 1862. On Aug. 9, 1862, he enlisted, for nine months, in Company A, 132d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and saw considerable hard service, taking part in the important battles of South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. After he was mustered out, at Harrisburg, May 24, 1863, he returned to the farm, but he followed lumbering in North Carolina to some extent during the next few years, and while so engaged rented his place. In 1872 he settled upon the farm, which is located at Washingtonville, and there made his home the rest of his life, dying Feb. 16, 1911. He was one of the influential citizens of the county for many years, and the positions of responsibility with which he was honored showed how popular he was with his fellow citizens. In 1878 he was elected county commissioner, which office he held for three successive terms, being re-elected in 1881 and again in 1884,

each time running ahead of his ticket, the Democratic. In 1900 he became associate judge, in which office he continued thereafter until his death, at which time he was serving his third term.

On Sept. 24, 1863, Mr. Blee married Louisa A. Butler, daughter of Daniel and Eliza (Spencer) Butler, of Derry township, and they had a family of six children: Robert E., Winifred (deceased), Frank Gordon (of Limestone township, Montour county), Harry W. (who died in 1868), Sallie M. (who died Dec. 20, 1885) and Lizzie (deceased July 26, 1877). The mother died Jan. 28, 1878.

Robert Edwin Blee was reared on his father's farm and remained there until twenty-six years old. He was associated with his father in the lumber business in different States, principally Virginia and Pennsylvania (near Pittsburgh), doing contract work, and he subsequently was in partnership with F. C. Angle in the same line for a period of six years. Then he was in the employ of the Hanover Brewing Company at Danville for eight years, operating a stationary engine, and following that up to 1910 he worked at the machinist's trade. In 1910 he became engaged in the Reading Mills, where he remained one year, until he bought his present business, becoming proprietor of the "White Horse Hotel." The hotel has prospered under his management, and his efforts to please his patrons have been well rewarded.

Mr. Blee married Catherine Songer, a native of Clarion county, born June 5, 1871, daughter of Abram and Mary (McCloskey) Songer, and granddaughter of Joseph Songer, who came with his wife from Germany to America in 1810. Abram Songer died in 1895, at the age of eighty-six years. His wife was born in New Jersey, daughter of Barney and Catherine McCloskey, both of whom came from Ireland in 1840.

Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Blee, namely: Harry, born Feb. 25, 1893, engaged as a puddler in Danville, married Elizabeth Reeser and has one child, Robert E.; Harold, twin of Harry, is living at home; Morris, born Oct. 31, 1895, Mary, born April 9, 1897, Florence, born Jan. 20, 1901, Walter, born Nov. 9, 1903, and Hazel, born June 16, 1907, are all living at home; Elizabeth, born Sept. 27, 1890, and Charles, born Aug. 9, 1899, are deceased. Politically Mr. Blee, like his father, is a Democrat. He was reared a Catholic, and the family are members of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church

at Danville. Mr. Blee belongs to Montour Lodge, No. 1133, Loyal Order of Moose, of Danville.

JOHN LLOYD DILLON, late of Bloomsburg, was for years a leading florist in this part of the State, and established the extensive business now carried on by the J. L. Dillon Estate, whose mammoth greenhouses form one of the largest plants under one ownership in this section. Since Mr. Dillon's death his widow has had the management of the estate.

Mr. Dillon was a self-made man of the type which honors any community. He commenced life modestly, and was without ostentation at any stage of his career, though he met with a degree of success that would have justified pride. He was a native of Bloomsburg, born July 7, 1851, son of Patrick and Mary (Emmerson) Dillon, the father born in Dublin, Ireland, from which country he came to the United States when eighteen years old. Later he located at Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa. In 1850 he married Mary Emmerson, a native of England, daughter of John Emmerson, who was brought to America by her parents when but a year old. She died in 1887. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Dillon, John Lloyd and Thomas Emmerson, both now deceased. The latter was a photographer at Scranton, Pa., and died in January, 1913.

John Lloyd Dillon had average educational advantages, attending the schools of Bloomsburg and later the Bloomsburg Literary Institute (now known as the Normal school). It was in 1867 that his father bought a farm just in the rear of the present greenhouses, and besides general farming was extensively engaged in market gardening. His son helped him, and from the age of sixteen was interested in the raising and selling of vegetables, for which he had a special liking. At twenty-one he became a partner with his father, and as their business increased they grew a large quantity of lettuce in hotbeds every year. But the amount of labor involved in procuring proper fertilization and protecting the beds from freezing, as well as the impossibility of opening and working the beds in severe cold weather, made the cost of growing very expensive, and when John L. Dillon determined to commence business for himself, in the spring of 1875, he decided to experiment. Renting ground of his father he proceeded to build a greenhouse 20 by 60 feet in dimensions, with the view of having lettuce for sale all through the winter, and at a lower cost of



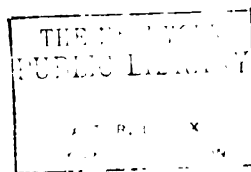
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production than in hotbeds. This was the first greenhouse built in Bloomsburg, and in its erection Mr. Dillon showed faith in his ideas, for he had less than \$150 capital, part of which he expended for lumber, and during the mornings, evenings and odd spells he ripped and worked by hand all the sash bars, planed and painted all the lumber, and did the greater part of the work of building himself. The results were highly satisfactory, but the demand for lettuce not meeting his expectations Mr. Dillon began giving his attention to the raising of flowers. After the partnership with his father was dissolved, he devoted his entire time to the raising of flowers and small fruits. About this time the famous "Sharpless strawberry" became known, and Mr. Dillon raised thousands of the plants, taking an active part in introducing them throughout this country and Canada, sending stock to fill orders as far as Victoria, B. C. In 1879 he bought from Miss Alice Snyder a tract of nearly ten acres on Normal Hill, adjoining the Normal school grounds, northeast of the buildings, and removed the greenhouse to this site, where the business was long conducted. The Normal Hill Greenhouses came to be the best known establishment of the kind in central Pennsylvania. Before ten years had passed he had six greenhouses, 12,000 square feet under glass, and there were eventually twelve buildings in the group on this original site, with over 40,000 square feet of glass. Over a quarter of a century ago Mr. Dillon introduced steam into his buildings, which were the first in the country successfully heated that way, providing uniform temperature during the coldest weather. Mr. Dillon attended a national florists' convention and told the members he was putting steam heat in his greenhouses, which was a fact much commented upon, and considered by the majority as a worthless experiment. Time has proved otherwise. The furnace and boilers were fitted with an automatic attachment that could be set or gauged to furnish a certain amount of heat, and required no further attention for ten or twelve hours at a time. The water supply came from an artesian well on the premises, sunk to a depth of 150 feet through the solid rock.

Another fact of interest in the record of Mr. Dillon's progressive career is that he was the first person in this section to use cement for building purposes. In 1887 he built a barn just above the Normal school, for the foundation of which a cement composition was used. Many who saw it thought it very risky to put in that kind of foundation, but its

lasting qualities have been proved, as the barn has been taken down and the foundation still stands. Mr. Dillon was the first florist to employ cement in the construction of greenhouses, which he did twenty years ago, when he began to build the Fifth street plant.

Twenty years ago, in 1894, the houses on Fifth street were commenced, and this part of the plant was also added to from time to time until there are now fifteen houses there, with almost 100,000 square feet of glass. The two branches made one of the largest enterprises of the kind under one ownership in central Pennsylvania, and the business was so successfully conducted that Mr. Dillon was known to his fellow florists all over the country. Some time before his death Mr. Dillon gave the Normal school an option on the piece of ground occupied by the greenhouses, directly northeast of the school, and it was accepted in 1910. In 1912 the greenhouse offices were moved to the Fifth street location and everything placed in readiness to pass the land over to the Normal school, which was done in May, 1913.

In 1900 Mr. Dillon disseminated a large white carnation, which he named in honor of Mrs. Dillon, calling it "Queen Louise." This carnation had an unprecedented reign, being of unusual size, fragrant, and a very free bloomer, and is grown successfully to-day in some localities. It was a money proposition for many years.

The business as at present conducted is largely wholesale, and the product includes cut flowers and potted plants of all kinds, the flowers being sold in this part of the State and in New York City, and the plants being marketed all over the United States and Canada, and even in England. The specialties are plants and rooted cuttings of verbenas and carnations, plants of roses (grafted and on their own roots), for winter flowering, and cut blooms of roses and carnations. From twenty to twenty-five experienced and skilled workmen are given steady employment in the various departments, and the houses contain all suitable equipment for carrying on the work expeditiously. From the modest start in 1875 the business has grown to be one of the most important industries of the town. The Dillon Estate now owns over eighty acres of the most valuable farming land in the town of Bloomsburg, all its holdings being on Normal Hill, overlooking the best developed part of the town and the beautiful Susquehanna valley.

A severe hailstorm which visited this re-

gion Sept. 18, 1896, did great damage to the greenhouses, breaking nearly all the glass; it took 1,300 boxes of glass to make repairs, and the loss on plants and glass amounted to nearly \$6,000.

Mr. Dillon remained at the head of the business until his death, which occurred Oct. 30, 1906. He was a prominent member of the American Florists' Society, the American Carnation Society, and the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society; and had attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry. He belonged to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mr. Dillon was married, in May, 1873, to Eliza J. Barkle, a native of England, who when young came with her father, William Barkle, and settled in Bloomsburg. To this union three children were born: Alice M. married Boyd Wells Furman, and has three children, Josephine D., Helen H. and Louise; J. Lloyd, born Jan. 31, 1882, died April 8, 1882; Max Grant is a mining engineer. The mother of these died July 30, 1893, and in 1895 Mr. Dillon married (second) Louise Glassell Hutchison, daughter of Charles and Agnes (MacCulloch) Hutchison, of Kingston, Luzerne Co., Pa., both of whom were natives of Scotland. By this marriage there were two sons, Charles Hutchison and Harold Phillips.

Since Mr. Dillon's death his widow and heirs have continued the business with the same progressive policy which has always characterized it, maintaining the high standards set by the founder. In October, 1913, Mrs. Dillon bought the interests of Mrs. Boyd W. Furman and Max G. Dillon and is now sole owner of the greenhouse business, in the conduct of which she has the help of her son Charles and nephew Charles M. Hutchison, the latter assisting in the management of the estate.

RICHARD FRANKLIN COLLEY, of Bloomsburg, Pa., is a native of Columbia county and a member of one of its pioneer families, being a descendant of Jonathan Colley, of Chester county, Pa., who settled on the east side of Fishing creek, in what is now Sugarloaf township, about the year 1790.

Hon. Alexander Colley, son of Jonathan, was born Aug. 17, 1786, and lived to near the close of his ninety-fifth year, dying June 6, 1881. He was an educated man, an early school teacher, and one of the foremost men of this section in his prime. At the second election held in Sugarloaf township, March 18, 1814, he was one of the candidates for judge of that meeting. He was the first rep-

resentative of Columbia county in the State Legislature after it became a separate district in 1822, serving the term of 1822-23. As a surveyor he was very well known. In his letter to Col. John G. Freeze, giving an account of the early settlers of Fishingcreek (now Benton) township, we find his only known autobiography: "and in the spring of 1799 I came to Fishingcreek township to my father, Jonathan Colley, who was settled on the east side of Fishing creek, south of Ezekiel Cole."

In the year 1808 Alexander Colley was married to Mary Eager, of Fishingcreek township, who was born Feb. 15, 1786. Their children were: Rachel (McHenry), born May 19, 1810; Elizabeth (Stucker), born July 13, 1811; Stott Eager, born Nov. 6, 1812; Alexander James, born May 21, 1814; Mary Ann, born Nov. 30, 1815; Rebecca (Auten), born Oct. 6, 1816; Alice (Hess), born Sept. 17, 1819; John Eager, born June 4, 1821; Robert LaFayette, born Jan. 8, 1825; and Benjamin Cole, born Oct. 22, 1827. Several years after the death of his first wife Mr. Colley married Martha (McHenry) Stiles, widow of John Stiles, of Benton, and by so doing he became his own son's father-in-law, since Robert LaFayette Colley had previously married her daughter, Martha Jane Stiles. Alexander Colley survived his wife only a few years, her death occurring at the age of ninety.

Robert LaFayette Colley, son of Alexander, was born Jan. 8, 1825, at Benton, Columbia county, where he resided for many years. He had a farm where the borough of Benton now stands, and followed shoemaking as well as agricultural pursuits. In his later life he removed to Bloomsburg—about 1882—where he died Jan. 1, 1888. He is buried at Benton. He served as elder of the Christian Church at Benton from the time of its organization, about 1849, until his removal to Bloomsburg. On July 5, 1849, he married Martha Jane Stiles, who was born Jan. 1, 1829, at Benton, a daughter of John and Martha (McHenry) Stiles, and three children were born to this union: Horace Greeley, who was born May 5, 1852, is a practicing physician of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Mary Josephine, born Dec. 31, 1860, is the wife of W. D. Beckley, of Bloomsburg, Pa.; Richard Franklin is mentioned below.

Richard Franklin Colley was born at Benton, Columbia Co., Pa., June 3, 1869, and there obtained his early education in the public school. Later he attended the public schools and the State Normal School at Bloomsburg.

He began work as a clerk for I. W. Hartman, and later entered the employ of W. H. Moore, of Bloomsburg. After gaining some experience he went to Philadelphia, where he remained four years in the employ of Gimbel Brothers. Since returning to Bloomsburg in 1898 he has been a traveling salesman in central and northeastern Pennsylvania.

On Sept. 6, 1899, Mr. Colley married Ella Maude Runyon, who was born May 14, 1869, daughter of Layton and Martha (Brugler) Runyon, of Bloomsburg. They have three children: Martha Runyon, born Oct. 27, 1901; Mary Josephine, born Oct. 27, 1904; and Elisabeth Stiles, born Feb. 3, 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. Colley are both musicians and keenly interested in local musical affairs, in which they have had a prominent part. Mrs. Colley was organist at the Presbyterian Church for a number of years, and Mr. Colley is still a member of the choir of that church, as well as of the choir of Caldwell Consistory. He is well known in Masonic circles, holding membership in Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M.; Royal Arch Chapter No. 218; Crusade Commandery No. 12, K. T., and Caldwell Consistory (thirty-second degree), all of Bloomsburg; and is a member of Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

SILAS NEWTON WALKER, of Bloomsburg, was born Monday, Jan. 18, 1841, at Auburn (now South Worcester), Worcester Co., Mass., and is descended from English and Scotch ancestors. He was reared as a farmer's boy. Entering Vermont University, at Burlington, Vt., in 1857, he was graduated with the degree of bachelor of arts in 1861. Becoming a private in an infantry regiment, he served until 1866. In that year he took his master's degree. For about thirty years, from September, 1875, Mr. Walker served as stenographer to the several courts of the Twenty-sixth district of Pennsylvania, and he is now serving the court of Common Pleas of Columbia county in the capacity of commissioner in divorce. For a while he taught school.

On Feb. 15, 1872, Mr. Walker married Maud Clayton, who was born May 18, 1829, and is of Dutch and English extraction. She is still (February, 1915) in vigorous health. For nearly forty years Mrs. Walker has been actively engaged in benevolent work for the poor of Bloomsburg and vicinity. The main events in her life would fill a volume of far

more than ordinary interest. But she belongs to the Society of Friends, and with the modesty and reticence of that religious body "declines to be interviewed."

JOHN N. BLOSS is a well known citizen of Berwick, Pa., which has been his home for thirty-eight years. He was born Feb. 15, 1831, in Luzerne county, Pa., son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Bittenbender) Bloss. His grandfather was born in Germany:

Conrad Bloss, father of John N. Bloss, was born in Berks county, Pa., and moved thence to Luzerne county, where he followed farming until his death, in 1849. He married Elizabeth Bittenbender, a daughter of Jacob Bittenbender, of Berks county birth and of German descent, who later moved to Luzerne county. Mrs. Conrad Bloss died at Nescopeck, Luzerne county.

John N. Bloss was reared a farm boy and assisted his father until he was eighteen years of age, when he went to Salem, Pa. There he learned the carpenter's trade, which he has since followed, although now practically retired. Thirty-eight years ago he came to Berwick, and has occupied the same residence ever since.

On March 6, 1856, Mr. Bloss was married to Susan Harmon, who was born March 8, 1835, in Luzerne county, daughter of John A. and Sarah (Varner) Harmon, farming people, who spent their lives in Luzerne county. Mr. and Mrs. Bloss have had six children, two dying in infancy; Alice A., born March 16, 1864, is the wife of Bruce Pursel, of Berwick, and has four children, Martha, Rena, Helen and Mary; Annie J., born April 1, 1867, is the wife of Prof. E. I. Wolf, a member of the faculty of Kingston Seminary, Kingston, Pa., and their children are, John B., Edward and Eugene F.; Frank Ellsworth is mentioned below; Idella M., born March 9, 1873, is the wife of Ray H. Davenport, and has four children, Donald H., John B., Robert R. and Helen Jean.

Mr. and Mrs. Bloss are members of the German Lutheran Church. At one time Mr. Bloss served as a member of the council of Berwick.

FRANK ELLSWORTH BLOSS, now engaged as assistant secretary of the American Car and Foundry Company at New York City, was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., May 25, 1870. At an early age he came to reside in Berwick, where he was graduated from the high school. His school days over, he engaged in mercantile pursuits in Berwick

and other towns nearby, after a year or so entering the employ of R. G. Crispin, who conducted a general store in Berwick. He remained in his employ for about two years, when he accepted a position with the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, in the general office of the concern. He was then transferred to the office of the rolling mill, where he continued for two years, returned to the general office, and was there retained until the incorporation of the American Car and Foundry Company. He was local auditor for the company at Berwick for about a year, when he was changed to the general office of the company at New York, being made one of the assistant secretaries of the company. He is still acting in that capacity, and is also assistant secretary of the American Car and Foundry Export Company.

Mr. Bloss was married, May 12, 1892, to Nettie Croop. She died Aug. 22, 1895, and is buried in Berwick cemetery. On Nov. 21, 1900, Mr. Bloss was married to Edna Alice Kunkle, a daughter of Arthur P. Kunkle, of Kingston, Pa., and the children of this marriage are: Burton Kunkle, born Nov. 7, 1901; John A., born Nov. 9, 1904; and Emily Elizabeth, born Jan. 26, 1914.

Mr. Bloss is a Republican and has always given loyal support to the party. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church at Berwick, and now is a member and officer of the Presbyterian Church at Roselle, N. J., where he resides.

BRUCE H. BOWER, one of the leading merchants of Berwick, was born Sept. 6, 1870, in that place, and has spent his entire time there. He received his literary education at the public schools, and evincing a talent for music entered the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass., from which he was graduated in the year 1900. He immediately returned to his native city, where he began his career as teacher and later became a dealer in musical instruments. He now has one of the leading stores of the kind in Berwick, Pa., and is recognized as one of the foremost expert piano tuners in Columbia county. He is well and favorably known all over this section.

Michael Bower, his great-grandfather, was born in Germany, and is the first of the family of whom there is a permanent record. He was a farmer. His father came to this country among the earliest settlers, along in the early part of the last century. While a young man Michael Bower was married to Mary Zehner,

and they had the following children: Sarah married William Whitmire; Catherine married Charles Whitmire; Isaac married Elizabeth Dietrick; Samuel married a Miss Wright; Rebecca married a Dietrick; Daniel is mentioned below; Hannah married Henry Martz; George N. married Mary N. Girton; Isaiah married Hannah Hagenbuch; Enos died in infancy. The father was a Lutheran in religious belief and a Democrat in politics.

Daniel Bower, grandfather of Bruce H., was born in Briarcreek township and passed his entire life in that section, engaged in farming. He was married to Julia Remley, who bore him the following children: Francis W.; Henry, who married Louise Henry; Mary, who married Isaiah Irvine, a minister of the Lutheran Church; Amanda, who married Dillman Varner; Julia, who married Isaiah Hartman; and Isaiah, who married Usba Irvine. For his second wife Mr. Bower married Mary Remley, and they had one child, Ira, who married Fannie Shaffer. Mr. Bower was a Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran Church. His first wife is buried in Willow Grove cemetery; he and his second wife are interred in the Evansville cemetery.

Francis W. Bower, father of Bruce H., was born May 28, 1845, in Centre township, and attended the common schools until he was about fifteen years of age. He then began his self-supporting career, and by hard work and economy has amassed a competency. In 1866 Mr. Bower was married to Ellanah Sitler, who was born July 10, 1841, a member of one of the oldest families of the county, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dieterick) Sitler, who are buried at the Fowlerville Lutheran Church in Centre township. They have had the following children: Alice died while a child; Clark married Ella Phillips (he is a member of the State Highway Department, and socially belongs to the I. O. O. F. and P. O. S. of A.); Bruce H. is mentioned below; Effie married Harvey W. Paden; Clyde died while young.

Francis W. Bower served in the Army of the Potomac as a member of Company H, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Theodore Price, was in the army for nine months, and was mustered out at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg.

Mr. Bower has been a resident of Berwick for forty-five years and has been greatly instrumental in the development of the town. For twenty years he was superintendent of Pine Grove cemetery, and his good management brought it to the state of perfection that

it attained. He is independent in politics and has held various offices in the gift of the people, serving as school director for twelve years, street commissioner and councilman, and overseer of the poor for years, continuing to hold the latter office at present. Mr. Bower is a member of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, has held all the various offices in that organization, and is now president of the official board. Socially he is a member of Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A.

Bruce H. Bower has ever had the interests of Berwick in mind and has held the office of secretary of the school board for years, being one of its influential officers. He is a member of the Evangelical Church and for years was the chorister of that society. In politics he is independent, and takes an active interest in the election of competent and worthy officials.

Mr. Bower was married to Jennie May, daughter of Albert and Amanda (Yost) Gibbons, residents of Columbia county. They have one child, Fred. Mr. Bower has built up a large and profitable business by fair dealing and his thorough knowledge. He is a member of Berwick Lodge No. 246, I. O. O. F.; Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A.; and Berwick Council No. 1761, Royal Arcanum.

JOSEPH C. EVES, formerly postmaster at Millville, Columbia county, has made an honorable record in his private life and public services which justifies the esteem in which this name is held. It has been associated with the development of this region from the time of the earliest white settlements, and its representatives have been notably people of high character, probity and reliability. When a young man Mr. Eves gave evidence of his loyalty to his country by serving in the Civil war, and he has always done his share in supporting enterprises which promise to conserve or advance the general welfare. When the present municipal organization of Millville was effected he became a member of the first city council, and he has been acting as postmaster since 1904.

John Eves, who established the Eves family in Columbia county, was one of the pioneer settlers in the valley of Fishing creek. He had come there from Mill Creek Hundred, New Castle Co., Del., and located on a tract of 1,200 acres in the townships of Greenwood and Madison, including the present site of

Millville. The land was secured by deed dated Nov. 29, 1774, the former owner having been Reuben Haines, a brewer, of Philadelphia (it was part of Lord Baltimore's grant). It would appear, however, that Mr. Eves had concluded the purchase and settled in this section some years previous to the time this title was acquired, coming into possession of it not later than 1770. His settlement in this section marks an important period in its history.

But little is known regarding the personal history of John Eves. He was an Irish Friend, born in 1720, and came to America from Dublin about the year 1738. He was in good circumstances at Mill Creek Hundred, and held various offices of responsibility. One of his experiences as constable reveals the resolute and determined character of the man. He was given the warrant for the arrest of a miscreant who defied the power of the law, and threatened to take the life of the officer as he approached. But the latter walked boldly forward and disarmed him without a struggle. The victory was not complete, however, as the obstinacy of the culprit was equal to his cowardice, and he refused to walk, whereupon the constable tied his prisoner to the horse, and they proceeded without further difficulties. Another trait of his character is illustrated by an occurrence during his residence here. While in Philadelphia on one occasion he advanced the passage money of Larry Flinn and his wife, two destitute Friends who had recently arrived from England. They would then have been obliged to remain in his service for several years, but he received them into his family and they never left it. In 1751 John Eves married Edith Yeatman, an English lady, said to have possessed great strength of character as well as personal beauty. They were the parents of seventeen children, fourteen of whom reared families—as a rule large families. Their names with dates of birth are as follows: Sarah, 4th mo., 24th, 1753 (died in 1762); Thomas, 2d mo., 5th, 1755; John, 2d mo., 22d, 1757; Joseph, 10th mo., 30th, 1758; Mark, 7th mo., 16th, 1760 (died in 1762); William, 2d mo., 2d, 1762; Chandlee, 12th mo., 14th, 1763; Elizabeth, 12th mo., 30th, 1765; Sarah, 5th mo., 14th, 1767; Edith, 5th mo., 14th, 1767; Andrew, 6th mo., 4th, 1769; Mary, 11th mo., 24th, 1770; Priscilla, 11th mo., 3d, 1772; Mark, 4th mo., 8th, 1774; Ann, 4th mo., 21st, 1775; Samuel, 1st mo., 1778; Ezra, 6th mo., 28th, 1782. Of these, four families moved to Canada in 1800. John Eves, Sr., died 7th mo., 1st, 1802; and Edith



(Yeatman) Eves, 4th mo., 14th, 1818, aged eighty-three years. Many of those who bore the name have occupied positions of honor and respectability in the various walks of life. Numerous descendants of the original stock continue to live in this region.

Joseph Eves, son of John, born 10th mo., 30th, 1758, married Sarah Parvin, and they had children: J. Parvin, Ezra, Milton, Sarah (Mrs. Shively), Asenath (Mrs. Ashton), Francis, Elizabeth (Mrs. Swisher) and Mary (Mrs. Marten).

J. Parvin Eves was born Dec. 9, 1790, on the original plat of ground where his grandfather John located. His wife, Anna, died in the fall of 1872, when about seventy-five years old. The children born to J. Parvin and Anna Eves were: Chandlee, Joseph, Francis, George, Sarah, Rachel, Shadrach, Elizabeth, Parvin, Ezra, Chalkley, Susan and Elijah. All lived to be grown up except Elijah.

Chandlee Eves, son of J. Parvin Eves, was a tanner by trade, and for some time was interested in the tannery at Sereno, Columbia county, at which place he died in the spring of 1846. His wife, Mary (Reece), daughter of John and Catherine Reece, was also a descendant of one of the pioneer families of the county. She survived him many years, dying in 1886. They had three children who lived to maturity, John P., Anna R. and Joseph C. Of these, John served in the Union army as a member of Company I, 13th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was severely wounded in the arm at the close of the battle of Fredericksburg, by a piece of shell, and died three days afterwards; he was but nineteen years old. Anna R. married Charles B. Kline and died in 1878, of typhoid fever, her husband dying about the same time; they left four children.

Joseph C. Eves was born Jan. 24, 1844, at Sereno, Columbia county, second son and third child in the family of Chandlee Eves. During the Civil war he served in the Union army under two enlistments, first enlisting in Company H, 1st Battalion, Pennsylvania Infantry, for one hundred days' service. His second term was served with the 1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery, and he received his final discharge Nov. 18, 1864. After his return from the army he was engaged in driving team for one year, and then learned the trade of wheelwright, following that and wagonmaking principally for about twenty-eight years. Settling at Millville, he has been one of its most highly respected citizens, and served twelve years and five months as postmaster of that

place, having received his appointment in 1901. He was honored with election to its first city council. Mr. Eves adheres to the faith of his ancestors, holding membership in the Society of Friends. Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 809, I. O. O. F., and by virtue of his services during the Civil war to the G. A. R., being a member of the J. P. Eves Post No. 536, named in memory of his brother. He was president of the Columbia County Monument Association.

On Oct. 28, 1871, Mr. Eves married Charlotte Heacock, one of the seven children of Charles S. and Hannah W. (Watson) Heacock, both of whom were members of families settled at Millville. All their family survive at this writing. Mr. Heacock was engaged in building. A family of five children has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eves, viz.: May B., who lives at home, is her father's assistant in the post office; Eunice teaches domestic science in the Philadelphia public schools; Curtis C., M. D., a specialist, has been connected with the George School, a Friends' institution near Philadelphia, for eighteen years in all, as pupil and instructor; Charles Scott is a druggist at Danville, Montour Co., Pa.; Alberta is the wife of Dr. J. F. Gordner, of Montgomery, Pa., and has two children, Lucile, born in 1902, and Franklin, born in 1906.

RAY H. DAVENPORT, former superintendent of the Berwick Store Company, and now connected with the executive department of the American Car and Foundry Company in New York City, was born Feb. 4, 1874, in Riceville, Crawford Co., Pa., and is a son of Levi D. and Civil (Hills) Davenport. His grandfather, Orin Davenport, married a Swan, whose parents came to this country direct from Holland and settled in Chautauqua county, N. Y., where the Davenports and Hills (Mr. Davenport's maternal grandparents) both settled upon their removal from England. Orin Davenport filled all the offices in the Methodist Episcopal Church except that of pastor. About 1865 the Davenports moved to Riceville, Crawford Co., Pa., and Levi D. Davenport was a member of the firm of O. Davenport & Son, who conducted a lumber and milling business there, residing at that place until his death, in 1890. He was a member of the Free Masons, Odd Fellows and Knights of Honor, and passed all the chairs in the two last named.

In 1891 Ray H. Davenport came to Berwick as entry clerk for the Jackson & Woodin store, serving in that capacity for five years. At the

end of that period the firm was incorporated as the Berwick Store Company, Limited, and although he had been only a short time with the firm in a comparatively subordinate position his abilities were recognized and he was made superintendent of the then greatly enlarged establishment.

At once upon assuming his duties he began the work of developing the country store into a modern mercantile establishment, and so well did he succeed that the systems and methods he introduced, and the additions he made to the store, have remained since to form a living and enduring monument to his ability and sagacity. It was with regret to all who had come into contact with him in the few years of his superintendency that he was bidden farewell upon his resignation in 1903, to accept a position with the United States Lumber & Supply Company of Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Davenport was married in 1895 to Idella Bloss, daughter of John Bloss, of Berwick, and they have had four children: Donald Hills, John Bloss, Robert Russel and Helen Jean. Mr. Davenport is a Republican in politics, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Malta and Royal Arcanum.

ISADORE F. CHAMBERLAIN, who is engaged in the grocery business at Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., was born there Dec. 15, 1837, son of Joseph and Betsy (Cole) Chamberlain.

The founder of the Chamberlain family in Columbia county came to Berwick at a very early day. By trade he was a stone cutter.

Joseph Chamberlain, father of Isadore F. Chamberlain, was born in the city of Quebec, Canada. Like his father he followed the trade of stone cutter after coming to Berwick, where his death occurred. On Feb. 24, 1829, he married Elizabeth Cole, and they had seven children: Sarah, who is deceased; John, who was wounded in battle while serving in the Civil war; Samuel, who was a member of the 16th Pa. Vol. Cav. in the Civil war, and was also wounded while in the service; Isadore F.; Charlotte, who is the wife of William Rogers, of Sunbury, Pa.; James, a resident of Berwick, also served in the Civil war; and Annie, who is the widow of Lewis Stiles, and a resident of Berwick.

Thomas Patton Cole, the maternal grandfather of Isadore F. Chamberlain, was born in New Jersey Aug. 26, 1771. On July 31, 1803, he was married to Sarah Smith, and they came

to Berwick from New Jersey. By trade he was a blacksmith, and he established one of the first shops of the kind in Berwick. His shop, which was located on Front street, was one of the largest at Berwick, he having twenty-one apprentices.

Isadore F. Chamberlain was born in an old log house that stood near the site of his present residence. He was a pupil in one of the first schools at Berwick, and after leaving school learned the butcher's trade, at which he was working when the Civil war broke out. Mr. Chamberlain was one of the earliest volunteers from Berwick, answering the call for three-months men in 1861, and became a member of Company C, 16th Pennsylvania Infantry. During that winter he went into the business of trading mules, and in the following spring became a mule driver in the wagon train of General McClellan's command, with which he continued until August, 1862. He was then discharged and returned home. On Aug. 15, 1862, he reenlisted, in Company E, 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry, of which he was made commissary sergeant, later quartermaster sergeant, and still later orderly sergeant. Following the death of Lieutenant Brown he was made second lieutenant of his company, and served as such until almost the close of the war, when he received his discharge near Richmond. After returning once more to his home he resumed work at his trade for a time, and then embarked in the grocery business for himself, continuing same for sixteen years, when he retired from business activities for a time. Subsequently he resumed the grocery trade, which he has continued to carry on at his present location.

In 1866 Mr. Chamberlain was married to Emma Elvira Smith, who was born in Butler Valley, Pa., daughter of Daniel and Mary Ann (Brewer) Smith. Mrs. Chamberlain's father was born in Butler Valley, and her mother in Catawissa Valley, Pa. In his younger days he was a millwright. In 1849 he went to California as a prospector and died there. His wife died at Hazleton, Pa. There were five children in the family: Oakley and Alice, both of whom are deceased; Mrs. Chamberlain; Margaret, wife of Nathan Shaffer, residing at Hazleton; and Mrs. Mordecai Brobst, a widow, residing with Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain have been born five sons: Albert, Frank, Clem, Clyde and Charles. Of these three, Albert, Clem and Charles, are residents of Berwick. Frank

lives at Mattoon, Ill., and Clyde is a resident of Boston, Massachusetts.

Mr. Chamberlain was the only Civil war volunteer from Berwick who brought back a commission, and was one of the charter members in the organization of the Berwick G. A. R. post, in which he has always taken a very deep interest, and of which he has for a number of years been commissary sergeant. At one time he was high constable of Berwick, in which office he served with efficiency.

OLAF F. FERRIS, a retired builder, and one of the most prosperous farmers of Columbia county, was born at Mehoopany, Wyoming Co., Pa., March 21, 1848. He is the son of Simeon, grandson of Simeon, and great-grandson of Ransford Ferris, a native of Connecticut.

Ransford Ferris was born near Stamford, Conn., was a farmer by occupation, and spent his life in that section, dying there in 1821. His wife was Lizzie June, and their children were: Avery, who married Lydia Lockwood; Elvin; Joseph, who married Sallie Lockwood; Debbie, who married Jeremiah Knapp; Betsy, who married Michael Boonhauer; Lucretia, who married Nathaniel Clausen; Abigail, who married James Clausen; and Simeon, grandfather of Olaf F. Ferris.

Simeon Ferris, the elder of that name, was born at Stamford, Conn., and died in September, 1881, at his home in Sussex county, N. J. He was a shoemaker and farmer. His wife, Nancy (Simmons), died Jan. 18, 1842. They had the following children: Simeon, born Aug. 12, 1809, was the father of Olaf F.; Isaac, who lived in the West, married Eliza Peck; Apollis, a miller of Boonton, N. J., married Ann Hicksman; John Calvin, a farmer of Tunkhannock, Wyoming county, married Polly June; Abigail married Isaac Ward; Polly married Smith Lockwood, of Connecticut; Mary Ann married Rufus Lonsbury, of Connecticut; Clarinda married William Douglas, of Lovelton, Pa.; Martha married William T. Adams, of Lovelton; Electa married Edwin Lewis, of Merryall, Bradford county. These all are deceased.

Simeon Ferris, father of Olaf F., was born in Stamford, Conn., Aug. 12, 1809, and during boyhood worked at shoemaking with his father. He accompanied his father to Sussex county, N. J., where he carried on the shoemaking trade until 1836, when he moved to Mehoopany, Pa., purchased a tract of land, and followed farming until his death, March 7, 1875. His wife followed him to the grave in 1885. She was Hila Ann June, and by this

marriage there were children as follows: Apollis, born June 4, 1828, at Wanaque, N. J., married Maria Robinson, and resided at Tunkhannock, Pa.; David L., born Feb. 25, 1830, at Wanaque, a carpenter and builder at Tunkhannock, married Nancy E. Wintamute; Michael, born Nov. 24, 1831, died April 12, 1860, married Julia A. Woodruff; Harriet, born Nov. 23, 1833, died April 25, 1855; Eliza Jane, born Nov. 24, 1835, married William Labar, now living at Scranton, Pa.; Henry, born April 14, 1838, died at Washington, D. C., Dec. 25, 1861, after serving three months in Company B, 52d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Levi L., born March 11, 1840, was killed May 31, 1862, in the battle of Fair Oaks, Va., by a minie ball, which struck him above the right eye; Mary Emily, born June 28, 1842, married John C. Fraley, of Mehoopany; Charles, born June 13, 1844, enlisted in the same company as his brothers, got as far as Alexandria, Va., became ill and died at the camp hospital April 20, 1864; Clarissa, born April 20, 1846, is the widow of Frank Smith, a lumberman of Port Jervis, N. Y.; Olaf F. completes the family.

Simeon Ferris, the father, was a Presbyterian while in New Jersey, but on removing to Pennsylvania, and not finding a Presbyterian Church, he affiliated with the Methodist Church. He was a very active church worker and held all the official positions in that society. He was class leader, a prime mover in all revivals, and was superintendent of the Sunday School for more than twenty years. His long life of well doing, in both the civil and religious welfare of his locality, left an indelible impression on the community, and gave to the family that great impetus for religious work that has ever characterized its members.

Olaf F. Ferris was reared on his father's farm, and attended the local schools and Camp-town University, Bradford county, until he was twenty-one. He then began his apprenticeship in the builder's trade, which he followed for many years, in Nanticoke, Luzerne Co., Pa. He then opened a grocery store at Nanticoke, and in 1885 removed to his present farm of 300 acres in Briarcreek township, Columbia county. In addition to farming he carried on a dairy business and was also a fancier of fine poultry. Since his retirement from farming, a considerable part of his farm has been cut up into building lots and sold. He is a director of the Berwick National Bank, also a director of the Berwick Savings & Trust Company, which he has served as vice president since its organization.



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On June 7, 1875, Mr. Ferris was married to Martha L., daughter of John Fairchild, a farmer of Nanticoke, and they had four children: Ada Amanda, born Sept. 12, 1876, is at home; John Horace, born Sept. 3, 1878, a farmer, married Bessie Doty and has four children, Martha Elizabeth, John Franklin, Bonita Love and Newell Angus; Martha Elizabeth, born Sept. 2, 1882, married Dr. H. H. Long, a dentist of Berwick, and has two children, Franklin Lewis and Homer Ferris; Olaf Carleton, born Jan. 18, 1885, a farmer of Wyoming county, married Ella Seeley and has five children, Carleton Henry, Olaf Frederick, Monroe Alfred, Seeley Fairchild and Mary Martha.

Mr. Ferris is a Republican in politics, and while a resident of Nanticoke was a member of the town council. He is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Berwick, and is one of the ruling elders. He has taken an active part in the work of the church and has served in all the various offices of the organization. Mr. Ferris when seventeen years of age was made the chorister of the Sunday school at Laurel Hill, Wyoming county, where his uncle, John C. Ferris, was then the superintendent of the Sunday school. Since coming to Columbia county he has served as chorister in the First Presbyterian Church. While at Nanticoke he was superintendent of the Sunday school, and took an active interest in all church affairs.

Mr. Ferris has taken an active part in the development of the borough of West Berwick and has done much for its growth in religious, educational and moral fields. His influence in the welfare of the locality where he has resided has always been for its betterment, and he gives cheerfully of his time and means to that end. Mr. Ferris has always taken a deep interest in the educational institutions of his locality and served as school director in Briarcreek township for a number of years. He was one of the incorporators of West Berwick and was chosen one of the first members of its board of education, serving several terms.

Mr. Ferris was made a Mason in Wyoming Lodge, No. 468, F. & A. M., of Wyoming, Luzerne Co., Pa., and is a past master of that body. After removing to Berwick he affiliated with Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M. He is also a member of Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., of Bloomsburg, Pa. He was made an Odd Fellow in Nanticoke Lodge, and is a past grand of that body; he is now affiliated with Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.

THEODORE F. CONNER was born July 21, 1850, at Briarcreek, Columbia county. He attended the Martz school there, three years at the Bloomsburg Literary Institute, and then two terms at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. Returning to Lime Ridge, Columbia county, he took up the work of farming on the old homestead, teaching school during the winter in Espy and Briar Creek. In 1883 he left the farm and went to Wilkes-Barre, where he entered the grocery business, in which he continued for six years. At the end of the time he took charge of the books for William Stoddard & Co., wholesale grocers, with whom he remained eight years, and then took a similar position with Hildreth & Co., who ran a company store at Nanticoke. Returning to Bloomsburg in 1893 he kept the books of the foundry and planing mill of the Mears Manufacturing Company. In 1895 he was made manager of the Keystone Foundry & Machine Company, remaining with them for two years and then leasing the plant. He ran the foundry under lease for two years and then built a plant of his own, which he has conducted ever since, doing a general foundry business and specializing in sash weights.

Mr. Conner married Frances Madora, daughter of Daniel Seaman and Sarah Elizabeth (Harding) Pursell, and they have had six children: Daniel P., who married Mary DeB. Hunter and lives in Moores, Delaware county; Anna Hartmann, who died young and is buried at Lime Ridge; Luke Arlington, who married Anna Clewell and lives in Bloomsburg; Peter Harding, who married Anna C. Edwards and lives in Scranton; Samuel Harvey, who married Christina Holmes and lives at Folcroft, near Philadelphia; and Helen Hanson, wife of Elmer R. Vactor, living in Hoboken, N. J. Mr. Conner is a Progressive in politics, and attends the Presbyterian Church.

The Harding family, of which Mrs. Conner's mother was a member, is of old English stock. The word Harding is old Saxon, and means strong, robust, energetic, brave. It is also found in the dialects of northern Europe. The German version is Harteng, the Danish, Hardenburgh; the French spelling is Hardenrens. There are also several English modifications, as Hardenstorne, Harden, Hardnick, and others, all having the same source.

Sarah E. Harding, born in 1825, married in 1847, and died in 1890, was the daughter of Stephen Harding, born in 1800 and died in

1879, and his wife Elsie Wyman, born in 1801 and died in 1882. Their marriage occurred in 1820.

Stephen Harding (4) was the son of Israel Harding, who was born in 1756, and died in 1835, and his wife, Lydia Reed, who died in 1847. Their marriage occurred in 1787.

Israel Harding was the son of Capt. Stephen Harding (3), born in 1723 and died in 1789, and his wife Amy Gardner, who died about 1795. They were married in 1748.

Capt. Stephen Harding (3), was the son of Capt. Stephen Harding (2), born in 1680, and his wife Elizabeth Knight, who were married in 1712.

Stephen Harding (2) was the son of Stephen Harding, who was born about 1650, and who was said to be the brother of Mary Harding, who married Sir Robert Georges in England and came to Massachusetts in 1623. Four brothers of Mary came with the couple to America, Richard, Joseph, Abraham and Stephen, the latter being the ancestor of the family in this part of Pennsylvania.

Palmer Harding, a resident of West Pittston, Luzerne Co., Pa., who died in 1912, a descendant of the first Stephen, had a number of documents corroborative of the above family pedigree, including the discharge of Israel Harding, signed by George Washington. Israel Harding enlisted Sept. 17, 1776, in the 1st Independent Company of Wyoming, Pa., in Captain Durkee's regiment.

Stephen Harding (3) was appointed captain of the 7th Exeter company of the 24th Regiment, Connecticut Militia, on Oct. 17, 1775.

The Pursell family of Pennsylvania and New Jersey are descendants of the noble family of Pursells in Ireland, whose founder, Sir Hugh Pursell, was a grandson of the Sir Hugh Pursell who went to England with William the Conqueror and could trace his descent through many generations from Charlemagne the Great.

Sir Hugh Pursell is said to have been the first of the conquering Normans to land on British soil at Pevensey Bay, and the first to perform a deed of arms by storming the ruins of a Roman castle where a party of King Harold's soldiers lay entrenched.

The Irish Purcells were adherents of the House of Stuart and were swept away by the rebellion of 1641, though several distinct branches of them later recovered their lands and titles at the time of the Restoration, but were again broken up on the accession of William III.

John Purslone, Pursley or Pursell, as the name is variously spelled, came to America from Dublin, Ireland, in the ship "Phoenix," arriving in the Delaware in August, 1677. He settled in Bucks county, Pa., where he was appointed constable for the "further side of Neshaminah" on the 7th month and 9th day of 1685. On the 8th day of the 7th month of 1689 he was appointed constable of the "upper parts of the Settlement between Neshaminah and Poquessing." In the same year he appears as a witness in the Bucks county courts, and on being sworn gave his age as about sixty years. He was again appointed constable in 1690 for the "upper parts of Neshaminah." He married, in 1684, Elizabeth, widow of Thomas Walmsley, who with her husband and six children had emigrated from Yorkshire in 1682 and settled in Byberry, Philadelphia county, bringing a certificate from the Settled Monthly Meeting of Friends in Yorkshire.

At about the same date of the arrival of John Purslone in Bucks county, Thomas Purcill appears at Flatlands, Long Island. He accepted the appointment of appraiser in that town in 1679, and was one of the patentees of Newton, Long Island, in 1686. He (or a son of his of the same name) removed to the Raritan river, in Somerset county, N. J., prior to 1703, and had children baptized at the Raritan Dutch Reformed Church.

The descendants of Thomas Purcill became numerous in Somerset, Middlesex and Essex counties, N. J., prior to 1760. In 1710 he purchased a large tract of land in Somerset county, although then living in Middlesex county, and in 1719 conveyed half of it to his son Daniel, who in 1728 conveyed a part of it to Gysbert Krom, of Amwell township, Hunterdon county.

Daniel Pursell settled later in Alexandria township, Hunterdon county, and in 1783 bought a tract of land in Tinicum, Bucks county, where he erected a gristmill which he ran for two years. He then returned to Kingwood, N. J., where he died in 1804, leaving these children: Peter, Benjamin, Thomas, Ruth (Middleswartz), Sarah (Tinsman) and Hannah (Jones).

On Sept. 28, 1726, "Dennes Pursell of Penna." married Ruth Cooper, daughter of Henry and Mary (Buckman) Cooper, of Newtown, Bucks county, and settled in Bethlehem township, Hunterdon Co., N. J. Whether he was a son of John and Elizabeth (Walmsley) Pursell, of Bucks county, or of Thomas Purcill of New Jersey, is problematic.

cal, but certain it is that Dennes and Ruth (Cooper) Purcell were the parents of John Purcell of Pennsylvania, who married in 1761 Ann Coone (or Coomb), of Tinicum township, Bucks Co., Pa., and settled in Nockamixon township, where he purchased land in 1773.

Another John Pursell, also of Pennsylvania, married, in 1765, Mary Logan, and settled in Falls township, Bucks county, where he died in 1778.

Thomas, second son of John and Ann (Coomb) Pursell, married Catherine Crause, and they were the parents of six sons and one daughter.

Dennis Pursell, first son of Thomas and Catherine (Crause) Pursell, married Sarah Seaman, and they were the parents of fourteen children: Mary, wife of Peter Pursell; Susannah, wife of Sam Holdren; Thomas, who married (first) a Miss Tranger and (second) Annie Holdren; Daniel Seaman, who married Sarah E. Harding; Jane, wife of Sinclair Teets; Lydia, wife of Conrad Haas; John; Isaac, who married Caroline Harford; Dennis, who married Elizabeth Ziegafoos; Ann, wife of Theodore Gould; Sarah, wife of Paul Griffin; Martha, wife of a Mr. Bennett; and Ellen and Robert, who died unmarried.

Daniel Seaman Pursell, second son of Dennis and Sarah (Seaman) Pursell, married Sarah Harding in 1847. Their children were: Frances M., wife of Theodore F. Conner; Martha, unmarried; Alice, wife of Britt Updyke; and Peter, who married Mary Alice Kelchner.

Britt and Alice (Pursell) Updyke had children: Pursell, who married a Miss Lyman, and Paul and Howard, who died young.

Peter and Mary Alice (Kelchner) Pursell had children: Lulu, wife of Charles L. Bryden, who has two children, Alice and Robert; Ray, who is married; Louise, wife of Charles Russell Stecker, who has one child, Charles Russell, Jr.; Dorothy, wife of Grover Mutchler; Maude I., wife of William Everett Brisben; and Roger and Lillian, who are unmarried.

S. BRITT SEELY, assistant superintendent of the Berwick Water Company, at Berwick, Pa., was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., July 15, 1879, son of Mason C. and Amanda (Henry) Seely.

Andrew Seely, his grandfather, was one of the early settlers of Salem township, Luzerne county. For a number of years he conducted a tannery at Beach Haven, at the same time

carrying on farming, was a man of character and judgment, and was a recognized factor in public affairs. His political opinions coincided with the principles of the Republican party, he gave his support to the public schools and was a church member.

Mason C. Seely, son of Andrew, was born in Salem township, Luzerne county, and spent his life there. Until stricken with blindness he engaged in farming. His death occurred in February, 1905. He married a widow, Mrs. Amanda (Henry) Smith, who died March 22, 1913. She was born at Briggsville, Pa., a daughter of Jacob Henry, and first married Abram Smith, to which union two children were born: John W. Smith, who is a resident of Mifflinville, Pa., and Abram Smith, who lives at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. To her marriage with Mason C. Seely, nine children were born, as follows: Charles, who is a resident of Shamokin, Pa.; Josephine, who is the wife of A. W. Hicks, of Berwick; Wallace H., who resides at Mifflinville, Columbia county; Jacob H., who lives in California; Mary, who is the wife of George Kepner, of Berwick; Catherine, wife of J. B. Thomas, residing at Huntington Mills, Pa.; Edward, who lives at Beach Haven; S. Britt; and William G., who is a resident of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

S. Britt Seely spent his boyhood days in Salem township and attended the Walton schoolhouse near his father's farm. In 1894 he came to Berwick, and then became a pupil in the public schools. When the Spanish-American war broke out he enlisted for service in Company K, 11th United States Regular Infantry, and during the continuance of the war was with his regiment at Atlanta, Ga., and at Tampa, Fla., being mustered out at Fort McPherson, Atlanta. After returning home he set about completing his interrupted education, attending Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pa., and later taking a business course in the Wyoming Seminary. After graduating from the latter institution, in 1904, he once more returned to Berwick, where he entered the employ of the Berwick Water Company, and since then has served as assistant superintendent.

On Sept. 20, 1905, Mr. Seely was married to Daisy E. Reed, who was born at Sybertsville, Pa., daughter of William E. and Rebecca (Everard) Reed, the former of whom died when his daughter was young. He was a contractor and was engaged mainly in locating mines. The mother of Mrs. Seely died May 5, 1914, in Luzerne county, and is buried in Nescopeck township. Mr. and Mrs. Seely



have had two children: Constance, born Sept. 28, 1906, who died Aug. 20, 1908; and Reed L., born Nov. 16, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Seely are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He retains his membership in his Greek letter college fraternities, belonging to the Sigma Chi and the Kappa Delta Phi. He is a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., and of Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., at Bloomsburg; of the Berwick Lodge of Elks, No. 1138; and Berwick Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 246.

CYRUS DE MOTT, a venerable resident of Millville, Columbia county, now living retired, was engaged in farming during his active years in Madison township, where he still owns a valuable farm. This property has been in the De Mott family for many years.

The founder of the family in Columbia county was Richard De Mott, who came from New Jersey to Pennsylvania in 1787, and located on the farm later owned by John and David Schultz. He was born in New Jersey in 1755, and died May 26, 1827. His widow died Aug. 5, 1849. Their children were: Mary, Rosanna, John, Sarah, Rebecca, Isaac, Jacob, Abigail, Richard, David, William and Elizabeth.

Jacob De Mott, son of Richard, was born Sept. 9, 1792, in Madison township, Columbia county, and followed farming all his life, after his marriage settling on the farm in Madison township now owned by his son Cyrus. He was a prosperous man, and prominent in all the activities of his locality, serving as justice of the peace, county commissioner (before the counties were divided) and supervisor of the poor. For nearly sixty years he was a member of the Baptist Church, and held the offices of deacon and elder. His wife, Catherine (Patton), daughter of John, died in 1869. Her family came from New Jersey. He survived her many years, passing away Feb. 11, 1886, in his ninety-fourth year. They had a large family, viz.: Mary died unmarried when twenty-three years old; Margaret never married; William R. was a farmer in Madison township; Rosanna died unmarried in November, 1879; Samuel died Feb. 21, 1911, leaving a wife and four children; Catherine died in childhood; Harriet, deceased, was the wife of John Cromley, a miller, of Williamsport, Pa. (she left two children); Sarah married John B. Welliver and died leaving seven children, six of whom still survive; Cyrus is mentioned below; George, the only other survivor of this family, is a retired farmer, of Iowa.

Cyrus De Mott was born Aug. 9, 1832, on the homestead in Madison township, and was reared there. He was educated in the local schools and early began to serve an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade, which he continued to follow for fifteen years, in Pennsylvania, Iowa and Missouri, being in the latter State in 1861, when the war broke out. Having decided to settle down to farming, he bought a place in Madison township which he cultivated for six years, after which he rented it out for a time. In 1876 he bought the home place and carried on its cultivation until his retirement. It comprises 130 acres, and Mr. De Mott still retains ownership of the property. He is now living at Millville. Mr. De Mott gave his private affairs necessary attention, but he also found time for public interests, and he has served his fellow citizens well in various capacities. He has been member of the school board and of the council, and president of the Millville Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Mr. De Mott has long been a member of the Baptist Church, and he served as clerk while living in Madison township. In October, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Civil war, joining Company G, 171st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and received an honorable discharge at Harrisburg after nine months' service.

In 1868 Mr. De Mott married Annie L. Heller, of Madison township, who died Oct. 25, 1873, leaving no family. She was one of the four children of John and Mary Heller. On April 29, 1880, Mr. De Mott married (second) Antoinette B. Suplee, of Montgomery county, Pa., who was born Sept. 7, 1853, daughter of George W. and Sarah H. Suplee. Mr. Suplee was a wheelwright, farmer and civil engineer. Mr. and Mrs. De Mott have no children of their own, but they reared Dr. Robert S. Patton, who is now a resident of Danville, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. De Mott's ancestors came to America in 1684, settling in Pennsylvania. The family is of French extraction. The great-great-grandfather, Peter Suplee, was a soldier in Washington's army during the Revolution, and died at Valley Forge in the winter of 1778.

Samuel Suplee, Mrs. De Mott's grandfather, was born and reared in Chester county, where he married Miss Catherine Rinewalt, also a native of that county. To them were born five children: George W.; Emeline, widow of Charles H. Soper, of Los Angeles, Cal.; John R., who is in Lawrence, Kans.; Mary, wife of Robert Evans, of Philadelphia;

and Sarah, deceased. Samuel Suplee died April 23, 1875; his widow survived just ten years, dying April 23, 1885. They are buried in the Green Tree Church graveyard, in Upper Providence township, Montgomery county. He had farmed in that township until ten years before his death, when he and his wife removed to Philadelphia, where he lived retired.

George W. Suplee was born July 29, 1825, in Chester county, Pa., and was reared there to the age of nine years, when his parents moved to Philadelphia, and three years later to Montgomery county, where he lived until the age of thirty-two years. He then bought a farm in Anthony township, Montour county, and farmed for eight years. He then sold out and bought a farm in Madison township, Columbia county, where he resided until April, 1886, when he bought a residence property in Bloomsburg, moving to the city and renting his farm. He married in Montgomery county, April 4, 1852, Sarah Hamer, a native of Montgomery county, and daughter of Humphrey and Mary Hamer. Mrs. Suplee was a child when her mother died; her father died in 1845. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Suplee: Antoinette, wife of Cyrus De Mott; Gertrude, widow of Albert Girton, of Madison township; Horace G.; Annie, wife of J. B. Nuss; Emeline; Mary Catherine; Sallie Wells; and George, who was accidentally killed by falling from a window of the normal school where he was a student, Jan. 25, 1884. Mr. and Mrs. Suplee were members of the Baptist Church. While a resident of Montour county, he was justice of the peace for one term, and held many township offices while a resident of Madison township, Columbia county. He had a farm in that township of 135 acres. ✕

SADE VAN NATTA, of Bloomsburg, Pa., insurance agent, was born and educated in that town. Completing the public school course, she entered the Normal School, and graduated from that institution in 1875. For three months she taught school in Montour township, Columbia county, and after 1876 taught fourteen years in Bloomsburg, and during the year 1890 in Shickshinny. Miss Van Natta then entered the office of C. F. Knapp, at Bloomsburg, to learn the insurance business. Mr. Knapp was the pioneer insurance man in Bloomsburg and had a large patronage. When he died in 1901 she continued to carry on the business in her own name, now representing seven fire, one auto-

mobile, one plate glass and one tornado insurance companies, and handling from \$15,000 to \$20,000 worth of business each year.

Peter Van Natta, the founder of the family in Columbia county, was born in 1760 and came from Easton, Pa., to Bloomsburg, buying large tracts of land where the city now stands. An old stone barn built by him still stands, within the city limits. He married Catherine Hoffman, and they had several children, among them being Peter, grandfather of Miss Sade Van Natta.

Peter Van Natta (2) was born in 1798, in Bloomsburg, and educated in the common schools of the town. He was a farmer, and inherited considerable land from his father, to which he added as time passed. He died Sept. 16, 1853. He married Rosanna Biedelman, who died Feb. 14, 1858, and their children were: Maria, wife of Christian F. Knapp, buried in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg; Catherine, wife of Frederick Hendershott, buried in Rosemont cemetery; Margaret, also buried in Rosemont; Thomas V., who married Margaret I. Penman, buried in Rosemont; and Benjamin Hutchings, who married Elizabeth Williams, and rests with his brothers and sisters in beautiful Rosemont. Another brother, John Ellis Van Natta, is buried in Philadelphia.

Thomas Vanderslice Van Natta, father of Miss Sade Van Natta, was born July 6, 1828, in Bloomsburg, and received his education in the public schools. He carried on a general contracting business, doing excavating for public buildings and cellars. He married Margaret I. Penman, who was born Feb. 26, 1828, daughter of John and Mary (Stoddard) Penman, and was of Scotch descent. She died March 17, 1905, surviving her husband, who passed away June 30, 1895. Their children were: Clara M., wife of John L. Woods, living in Bloomsburg; Sade, mentioned above; Lillian A.; Sophie B.; three who died young, Robert F., Peter K. and Harry W., all of whom are buried in Rosemont cemetery; Rosanna, wife of J. W. Lewis, living in Pittsburg; Benjamin H., who married Jessie C. Piper (he is buried near Pittsburg); and Wallace, who married Jessie C., widow of his brother, Benjamin H., and lives in Bloomsburg. Mr. Van Natta was a Republican, and like his father before him was a member of the Episcopal Church.

CHRISTIAN FREDERICK KNAPP, uncle of Sade Van Natta, and from whom she inherited the insurance business he conducted in Bloomsburg, was born at Besigheim, Wurtem-

berg, Germany, Oct. 12, 1822, and died in Bloomsburg, Pa., April 11, 1901. He came to America and remained for some years at Philadelphia. He married Maria Van Natta and they had no children. Mr. Knapp founded the insurance business which he so successfully carried on for many years at Bloomsburg, in 1884, representing many companies.

Mr. Knapp was a Mason in Danville Lodge, No. 224, in November, 1851, and became a charter member and master of Washington Lodge, No. 265, Bloomsburg, in 1852; later he was secretary of the lodge from 1854 until his death. He received the degree of mark master Mason in Girard Mark Lodge, No. 214, of Philadelphia, May 13, 1854, and was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Catawissa Chapter, No. 178, Nov. 21, 1855. He passed the chairs in the chapter, and subsequently became a charter member of Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, of which he was secretary from its institution until his death. The cryptic degrees were received in Palestine Council, No. 8, Phoenixville, Pa., Nov. 21, 1856. Later he organized Mount Moriah Council, No. 10, R. & S. M., at Bloomsburg, being master for four years and continuously thereafter recorder. The orders of knighthood were conferred upon him March 6, 1856, at Harrisburg, in Parke Encampment, No. 11 (now Pilgrim Encampment, No. 11). In the same year he became a charter member of Crusade Commandery, No. 12, of Bloomsburg, and was for three years its commander, and thereafter continuously recorder.

In 1864 Mr. Knapp received the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, up to and including the thirty-second, at Harrisburg. He was instrumental in establishing the Scottish Rite bodies of Bloomsburg. He became the master of the lodge, council and chapter for a year, and was then annually elected secretary. He was commander-in-chief of Caldwell Consistory from May, 1867, to December, 1884, when he declined to serve longer, and was then elected secretary, which office he held the remainder of his life. For eight years he was district deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; grand master of the Grand Council, R. & S. M., 1867-75; district deputy high priest for six years; grand commander, K. T., in 1860; grand lecturer in 1862 and 1863; and district deputy grand master from 1875 till the time of his death. On July 17, 1870, he was created an inspector general, thirty-third degree, of the Supreme Council

of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and was crowned an active member Sept. 18, 1872. He resigned therefrom to honorary membership in September, 1879.

Such is the Masonic record of "Brother Chris. Knapp," as he was affectionately called by his friends. He had been a member of the fraternity for nearly half a century and few were better known in the craft. To him may be ascribed the establishment of the bodies of the Rite in Bloomsburg, and he was the leading spirit of that organization.

ANDREW J. EVANS (deceased) was for years one of the leading citizens of Bloomsburg, prominent in business, and well known in connection with other important local interests. The family to which he belonged has been established in Columbia county for almost a century, his grandfather, Mark Evans, having come here in the year 1816.

Mark Evans was a native of Lancaster county, Pa. He settled in what is now Greenwood township and followed farming and lumbering as well as his trade of carpenter, becoming one of the well known men of the day in his section. He died in that township and is buried there. He was a member of the Society of Friends. His children were: Esther died unmarried; Anna married Joseph Shannon; Sarah married Thomas McGee; Elsie married Jeremiah Heacock; Josiah was a Lutheran minister; Jacob was the father of Andrew J. Evans.

Jacob Evans was born in Greenwood township and passed all but the last few years of his life there. He was reared on the farm, but learning the carpenter's trade was engaged principally at such work until he reached middle life, when he turned to farming and followed it the rest of his active years. After retiring he lived at Bloomsburg, where he died about 1876; he is buried in Greenwood township. He held a number of local offices, and in 1856 was honored with election as associate judge, in which position he served one term. For fifty-five years he was a member of the Methodist Church, in which he held official position for many years, and ministers of that denomination made his home their stopping place. He was leader of the first Methodist meeting held in Greenwood township, Columbia county. He married Hannah Morris, and they had children as follows: Sarah, who married Shively Statton; Issachar M., who died in Bloomsburg; Andrew J.; and Joseph,

a well known physician, who died in Bloomsburg.

Andrew J. Evans was born Oct. 2, 1829, and obtained a good education in the public schools of the home locality. When a young man he embarked in the mercantile business at Bloomsburg, and his store became one of the most popular in the town. He built what is still known as the Evans block, at the corner of Main and Iron streets, and later started a clothing business and merchant tailoring establishment in that block. At the time of his death he was senior member of the firm of Evans & Eyer, clothing merchants, his partner being Frederick C. Eyer. In his death, which occurred Feb. 28, 1895, Bloomsburg lost one of its highly regarded citizens. Mr. Evans was always ready to give his support to any good cause. In religious faith he was a Methodist like his father. He was a staunch friend of local enterprises, and was one of the first stockholders in the Bloomsburg State Normal School.

On Feb. 28, 1857, Mr. Evans married Sarah Elizabeth Appleman, who was born June 16, 1837, in Columbia county, daughter of Peter and Hannah (Harris) Appleman, and granddaughter of Matthias Appleman, a native of near Trenton, N. J., who settled in Millville shortly after the Revolution, the Appleman family being one of the oldest in Columbia county. Mrs. Evans continues to reside at the old Evans homestead on Third street, which is one of the landmarks of Bloomsburg, being among the oldest houses in the town; it was built by the Shives family.

Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Evans: Dora, widow of A. L. Fritz, an attorney at law of Bloomsburg; Hannah, at home; Sadie, who married Alfred Koons and (second) Herbert A. Kemp, a well known photographer of Bloomsburg; Andrew, a merchant tailor of Bloomsburg; Charles, a shoe dealer of Bloomsburg, who was married Jan. 14, 1899, to Pearl Catherine Harder, and had two children, Charles Morris and Thomas Jackson; Margaret, wife of John E. Eves, a business man of Millville, Pa.; and Elizabeth, who is married to Arthur Eves and lives in Wisconsin.

Miss Hannah Evans is a member of the D. A. R., Ft. McClure Chapter, being entitled to membership through her grandmother, Hannah (Morris) Evans, whose grandfather, Benjamin Corson was a soldier and captain in the war of the Revolution.

GEORGE A. BUCKINGHAM, one of the highly respected residents of Berwick, now living retired, was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 18, 1838, son of Isaac and Jane (Symington) Buckingham. His great-grandfather was born in Delaware, of Quaker ancestry, and his grandfather was also a native of that State, where he lived and died.

Isaac Buckingham, father of George A. Buckingham, was born in Delaware. He was a cloth cutter by trade and conducted a tailoring establishment in Philadelphia for many years, dying in that city; he was buried, however, in Newcastle county, Del. In Philadelphia he was married to Jane Symington, daughter of Captain Symington, a native of New Jersey, of Welsh ancestry, and a soldier of the war of 1812. He was a shoe manufacturer in Philadelphia, but lived retired some time before his death, which occurred in that city. Mrs. Buckingham was born in New Jersey and died in Philadelphia, at the age of eighty-four years.

George A. Buckingham was educated in his native city and after graduating from high school became an apprentice to the tin, sheet and iron trade, at which he was working when the Civil war broke out. In the second year of the conflict he entered the army, enlisting on Aug. 14, 1862 in Company F, 68th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, known as the "Scott Legion," from Philadelphia, which was attached to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 3d Corps, Army of the Potomac. He served until the close of the war, when he was mustered out and honorably discharged, June 9, 1865, at Hart's Island, New York Harbor. He participated in many of the most decisive battles of the long struggle from Fredericksburg to Appomattox, and was wounded at the battle of Gettysburg.

After the war closed Mr. Buckingham returned to his home in Philadelphia and soon resumed work at his trade, remaining there until 1868, when he came to Berwick. Here he found employment in the iron works until ready to embark in the business for himself, and continued in the same line for fourteen years. In the meanwhile he took an interest in local progress and became active in Republican politics, being admitted to the inner circle as it were, as a member of the State Central committee. For one term he served as jury commissioner of Columbia county and in 1872 he was elected a justice of the peace, filling this office for fifteen consecutive years, with such judicial efficiency that not once was a case of his reversed by a higher court. After he re-

tired from that office he entered the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick. At present he is serving as a member of the police force of the borough.

In the city of Philadelphia, prior to coming to Berwick, Mr. Buckingham was married to Miss Eliza Mandeville, who died in that city, the mother of four children, only one of whom, Georgiana, survives. Mr. Buckingham's second marriage, which took place in Berwick, was to Mrs. Susanna (Taylor) Laubach, of Berwick, who was born May 13, 1835, daughter of Solomon and Aramanda (Dodson) Taylor, and first married J. F. Laubach. She died Jan. 18, 1909, the mother of two children, only one of whom survives: Susanna, who is the wife of A. P. Breihof, a resident of Berwick; Mr. and Mrs. Breihof have had one child, Christine, now deceased.

Mr. Buckingham has been much interested in Grand Army affairs and was the founder of W. W. Ricketts Post, of Berwick, which was later named C. G. Jackson Post, No. 159 (its present title). He was its first commander and was its first representative to the G. A. R. encampment, held at Reading, Pa. He belongs to Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., of Berwick, and for twenty years was tyler in the same; to Berwick Lodge, No. 1138, B. P. O. Elks, of which he is a trustee; and to Berwick Aerie, No. 1281, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which he is a past president. In 1872 he erected his attractive residence, which is one of the handsomest in the borough.

**WILLIAM FLEMING LOWRY**, of Berwick, was born on a farm in Delaware township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and educated in the public schools and Dewart Academy in his native county, and in the State Normal School at Bloomsburg. For five years he was Western Union telegraph operator in Bloomsburg. At the invitation of Charles H. Zehnder, then secretary of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, he came to Berwick May 2, 1881, to take charge of the local Western Union Telegraph office, then located at a desk in the offices of the manufacturing company. After a year as telegraph operator and clerk to Secretary Zehnder, Mr. Lowry became buyer of lumber, a year or two later chief bookkeeper, and in 1889, after a service of eight years, was honored by the stockholders by being elected treasurer of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company.

Three years later the duties of secretary were added to his responsibilities, and for a period of four years he held the dual offices of secretary and treasurer. In 1896-1899 he was secretary and purchasing agent. The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company was merged with the American Car and Foundry Company, which latter corporation took over the business March 1, 1899. Thereafter, until July, 1901, Mr. Lowry was assistant district manager, and then appointed district manager, succeeding W. H. Woodin, who went to New York as assistant to President Eaton.

Mr. Lowry is a member of the board of directors of the Berwick Savings and Trust Company. In 1911 he was appointed by Governor Tener member of the board of trustees of the State Hospital for the Insane at Danville, serving until reappointed. He is a Presbyterian, and for fifteen years an elder in the local church, participating in its activities. In politics he supports the Republican party.

In 1883 Mr. Lowry married Bessie Thompson, of Berwick, and to this marriage have come five children, three sons and two daughters.

Mr. Lowry's parents died when comparatively young. He was but nine years old at the time of his mother's death, and only eleven when his father passed away. They were the parents of five sons, of whom he was the second. His paternal grandfather, James Mc-Lanahan Lowry, was born in Ireland; his maternal grandfather, Fleming Nesbit, was of Scotch descent. Both were prosperous farmers of their day in Northumberland county.

**JOSEPH R. JOHNSON**, of Evers Grove, Columbia county, engaged in the flour milling business, belongs in both the paternal and maternal lines to old settled families of this section, though he was born at Danville, in Montour county. His grandparents on both sides were farming people, born and raised in this neighborhood.

Samuel B. Johnson, father of J. R. Johnson, was from Jerseytown, in Madison township. By trade a tanner, he followed that pursuit during his active years. He is now (1913) seventy-three years of age. His first wife was a daughter of James Kisner, of Jerseytown, and they had one child, Laura, who married P. F. Fritz and lived at Jacksonville, Fla., where they engaged in missionary work. Mr.



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and Mrs. Fritz had one child, Anna, now the wife of James Sweet, of Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Fritz died April 28, 1914, of pneumonia, aged forty-eight years. Mr. Johnson's second wife, Amanda (Robbins), a native of Unityville, Pa., was of Irish extraction; she died July 15, 1908, at the age of sixty-two years. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson: Emma married U. Z. Faus, a farmer, of Lycoming county, and they have five children. Joseph R. is next in the family. Ida married L. J. Robbins, a farmer of Greenwood township, Columbia county, and has a family. Lena married C. K. Welliver, of Buckhorn, Pa., and died leaving two children. Herbert is now operating the home farm, one mile east of Jerseytown. Harry Carl, born in 1888, lives at home.

Joseph R. Johnson was born April 9, 1875, and had common school educational advantages. For the last twenty-two years he has been a resident of Evers Grove, Columbia county, and throughout that period in the milling business, at present as a member of the firm of Hileman & Johnson, which was formed in 1907, their mill, which does a good business, being one of the thriving industrial concerns of that locality. He is one of the established business men of his section of the county, and a most respected resident of his town. Mr. Johnson was married Dec. 22, 1896, to Jessie Houck, of Greenwood township, daughter of Michael Houck, a veteran of the Civil war. She was one of ten children, two sons and eight daughters. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson: Madeline, born Jan. 15, 1899; Zoe, July 24, 1900; Mae, Dec. 21, 1903; Howard, March 24, 1906; and Malcolm, March 28, 1908. Mr. Johnson attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. He supports the Democratic party on political questions.

STEWART A. ASH, late of Briar Creek, Columbia county, had been for a number of years one of the most active citizens of that place. He was associated with its business interests, and held important public positions, and his sudden death, in his prime, deprived the community of a man whose energy and enterprise had gained him a place among its best known members. The Ash family has long been one of high standing in this part of Columbia county, where it was established by Christian Ash, grandfather of Stewart A., many years ago.

Christian Ash was born in Northampton county, Pa., whence he came to Columbia

county in the early days (when his son Charles was seven years old), buying and settling on a small farm later known as the Bower place, along Briar creek in Briarcreek township. After residing there for seven years Mr. Ash sold out and bought the place in what is now Fishingcreek township later owned and occupied by his sons William and Charles, moving there and subsequently building the mill which was the forerunner of the modern plant now operated by his two great-grandsons (sons of George Wesley Ash). He continued to make his home here until his death, which occurred in 1879. His wife, who had died nine years before, was also a native of Northampton county, and her maiden name was Mary Osderday. They are buried at Zion Church, in Fishingcreek township. To Mr. and Mrs. Christian Ash were born: Mary, who married Russell Creveling and lived in Wisconsin (she survived her husband); Charles, father of Stewart A. Ash; William, who lived in the house where his father died, on a part of the home farm; Sarah, who made her home in Iowa; Hiram, born Nov. 22, 1828, who married Mary Davis and lived in Benton township; Catherine, a resident of Luzerne county; Delia Ann, of Briar Creek; Christian J., of Fishingcreek township; and Elizabeth and Hester, of Benton.

Charles Ash was born in Northampton county, Pa., Oct. 18, 1820, and died in August, 1909, at the advanced age of eighty-nine years. Making his home with his parents until his marriage, he then bought part of the old homestead place at Stillwater, in Fishingcreek township, and settled there, his father moving to another part of the property. Charles Ash remained there the rest of his days. He engaged in milling in partnership with his son George W., previous to which he and a Mr. Ruckle operated the mill, under the firm name of Ruckle & Ash. The original mill was destroyed by fire, and rebuilt in 1874, by Ruckle & Ash, who owned it until 1880, when Charles Ash bought Mr. Ruckle's interest. The Briar Creek Excelsior Mills (still operated under that name) occupy a building 40 by 50 feet in dimensions, three and a half stories high, and are equipped with three runs of burrs. Waterpower is used, a turbine wheel driving the machinery, and a dam across Briar creek regulates the supply of water. George W. Ash was the managing miller until his father retired and he took sole control of the establishment. He and his son had an eight-acre lot in



connection with the mill, the latter farming this tract. Charles Ash was engaged in huckstering eleven years, but he gave most of his time to the cultivation of his farm, which he brought into fine condition, improving the property with a fine brick residence and substantial outbuildings. He was a member of Columbia Grange, P. O. H., and one of the prominent citizens of his township, having served his fellow citizens as supervisor, school director, overseer of the poor and tax collector. He was long a deacon of the Lutheran Church in Fishingcreek township.

On Oct. 24, 1848, Mr. Ash married Sarah Ruckle, of Briar Creek, and they became the parents of nine children, of whom seven survive, namely: (1) George Wesley, born Oct. 15, 1850, learned the trade of miller and worked with his father, becoming his partner when the firm of Ruckle & Ash dissolved. In 1910 he turned the mill over to his sons Wilbur C. and Amos M., who are now carrying it on, and from 1883, for a number of years, he was interested in a distillery. He married Amelia H. Freas, and they have had four children, Wilbur C., Amos M., Ralph and Dewey, who died when two years old. (2) William S., a merchant of Briar Creek, married Hettie Learn, daughter of George Learn, of Briar Creek, and they have two children, Clarence Reagan and Lenora. (3) Miles Wilbert, who is now engaged in the mercantile business in Buffalo, N. Y., married Clara Smith and has four children, three sons and one daughter. (4) Harvey Reuben, of Benton, engaged in business as proprietor of a greenhouse, married Mary Hill, and has four children, Ernest, Oscar, Etta and George. (5) Pierce Wilson, who is engaged in farming on the old homestead, married Susan Werkheiser, and they had eight children, seven of whom survive, Trelle, Roy, Elsie, Harry, Mylard and Millard (twins) and Helen. (6) Stewart Alexander is mentioned below. (7) Amy Florentine married Frank Creveling, who died six months later, and she is now a trained nurse, at present head nurse at a hospital in Portland, Oregon (she has no children). (8) Thomas Elliott, a farmer and dairyman in Stillwater, married Mary Geisinger, and has a daughter, Bessie, who is engaged as a school teacher. (9) Alvin Wellitts is deceased. Mrs. Sarah (Ruckle) Ash died Feb. 19, 1886, and is buried in Zion Church graveyard.

Stewart A. Ash was born Oct. 21, 1860, in Fishingcreek township, and obtained his early education in the local public schools. He

later attended normal school at Dixon, Ill. Practically throughout his active business life he conducted the Briar Creek Distillery, with which he first became connected eleven years after arriving in Briar Creek, selling out one year before his death. Like so many other members of his family, he also engaged in milling, following that business for eleven years, and he carried on the general mercantile business for seven years. With all his private interests, he yet found time for public positions, serving nine years as postmaster, and for seven years he filled the office of justice of the peace. The importance of the affairs intrusted him by his fellow citizens, and the success of his own ventures, show the admirable business qualities of the man, and in all the relations of life he was found to be thoroughly capable and reliable. His death, Nov. 19, 1906, was caused by a paralytic stroke. Mr. Ash was a member of Bloomsburg Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, and in political affairs he was associated with the Democratic party.

On July 17, 1886, Mr. Ash married Myrtle D. Freas, of Briar Creek, daughter of William L. and Fannie (Rittenhouse) Freas, farming people of that township, whose family consisted of nine children, four sons and five daughters: Amelia H. is the wife of George Wesley Ash; Rachel married Alfred Shaefer, a farmer of Centre township, and they had six children: Rush T., a farmer of Briarcreek township, married Mrs. Katherine W. Garrison, of Foundryville, Columbia county, and they had four children, three sons and one daughter, the latter dying when nine years old; Anna, of Berwick, is living retired; Seth, a farmer of Columbia county, married Elizabeth Fester, of Briar Creek, and they have two children, one son and one daughter: Boyd, a farmer in Briarcreek, married Clara Martz and has one child, Margaret; Martha is an osteopath at Berwick; Myrtle D. is the widow of Stewart A. Ash; Brad, of Briar Creek, connected with the American Car & Foundry Company, married Mary Pollock, of Salem township, Luzerne county, and they have had two children, one son and one daughter (the latter deceased).

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ash: Roscoe L., born Dec. 31, 1886, is a machinist with the American Car & Foundry Company and lives at Briar Creek; Lula M., born Aug. 19, 1889, is at home; Edna was born Oct. 31, 1895; Ada, Nov. 10, 1898; Melva V., May 20, 1900; Ruth I., Nov. 29,

1905. Some of the family belong to the Briar-creek (Brick) Reformed Church; Ada and Melva are members of the First Methodist Church of Berwick. Mrs. Ash belongs to Camp No. 70, P. O. S. of A., of Berwick.

SIMON KREB HOFFMAN, of Danville, present treasurer of Montour county, is a well and favorably known official and substantial business man of this section. His father, Theodore Hoffman, established a meat business and he and his sons have been engaged in that line for over half a century. Mr. Hoffman's grandparents were Frank and Rosanna (Ederitch) Hoffman, natives of Germany, in which country they passed all their lives. He was a butcher by trade, as were also his ancestors.

Theodore Hoffman was born Jan. 28, 1834, in Rheinpfalz, Bavaria, Germany, where he was reared and received an excellent education. In his early life he began work in his father's meat shop and he continued to follow the butcher business throughout his active years. In 1855 he came to America, and for a short time worked as a butcher in New York, Philadelphia and Lewisburg, Pa., finally locating in the town of Danville in 1856. There he followed his old occupation and on April 1, 1875, bought out John Rockafellow, of the firm of Rockafellow & Divel, the firm of Hoffman & Divel becoming the largest wholesale and retail dealers in meat in Montour county. Both partners being popular and highly respected citizens of Danville, by their honest methods of dealing they succeeded in establishing a large patronage. They killed on an average twelve head of cattle per week and always kept a fresh supply of meat in their shop, at the corner of Mill and Mulberry streets. Their slaughterhouse, 50 by 80 feet, and stockyard, 80 by 200 feet, were located on Montgomery street, and they shipped extensively to the western part of the State. In 1900 Mr. Hoffman retired, selling his share to Mr. Divel, who still runs the business.

In 1854 Mr. Hoffman married Elizabeth Gouchu, daughter of Frederick Gouchu, and she died May 20, 1886, at the age of fifty-two years, leaving the following children: Henry, who died when twenty-eight years old; Theodore, a butcher in Danville; Frank, who is prospecting in the Western States; George, a butcher, residing in Danville; Simon K., of Danville; John, who is also prospecting in the West; Louise; Lena; Lizzie; Caroline; Mary; and Clara. Mr. Hoffman owns a handsome residence at No.

200 Mulberry street. A self-made man, he became one of the substantial citizens of his community by his own industry and economy, and he has won the highest respect of his fellow citizens by his upright life. Though not an office seeker he has served one year as a policeman, and also as overseer of the poor of Montour county for twelve years.

Simon Krebs Hoffman was born at Danville Dec. 16, 1871, and there received his education in the public schools. He learned the butcher business with his father, with whom he remained until the latter sold out to his partner, Henry Divel, since when he has been engaged in business with his brother Theodore. He also handles poultry, etc., on his own account. The Hoffmans have always maintained high standing among the most trustworthy merchants of the borough, and the large trade which they command has been built up by the most commendable methods.

Mr. Hoffman has been quite active in politics and for four years acted as chairman for the Democratic county committee. In 1904 he was elected treasurer of Montour county, and was reelected to that office in 1911, his efficient administration of his business affairs having won the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens. He is a prominent member of Beaver Lodge, No. 132, Knights of Pythias, and of Lodge No. 754, B. P. O. Elks.

On Feb. 3, 1897, Mr. Hoffman married Lillian M. Lyon, of Danville, daughter of Elias and Abigail (Crossley) Lyon, and they have three children: Katherine, Margaret and Edward Simon. Mrs. Hoffman's father was always engaged in the meat business in Danville.

CHARLES JERAD GILDS, advertising manager and buyer in the cloak and suit department of the Berwick Store Company, was born Feb. 27, 1867, in Greencastle, Franklin Co. Pa., son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Foreman) Gilds.

Daniel Gilds, the father, was born near Baltimore, Md., and settled in Greencastle, Pa. He was a butcher by occupation, following that business throughout his active life. He was married to Elizabeth Foreman, daughter of Daniel Foreman, and had one child, Charles Jerad. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Methodist Church at Greencastle. Mr. Gilds died aged fifty-six years, his wife at the age of forty-five years. They are buried at Greencastle.

Charles Jerad Gilds was educated in the public schools of his native town and the

select school known as Zeiglers. As a young man he entered the employ of G. W. & D. Zeigler, general merchants at Greencastle, as package boy, and remained for six years, being advanced from time to time in his position. He then entered the Updegraff store at Hagerstown, Md., as window dresser, and remained for two years, after which he engaged with the P. A. Brugh Department Store of the same town as window dresser, remaining for four years. His next three years were taken up as traveling salesman for Keifer & Row, manufacturers of carpets, of Philadelphia, and he then went with Stephen Chappelle & Co. (department store) in the same capacity, remaining for four years. His next location was at Gloversville, N. Y., where he entered the employ of Ury & Mendelsohn Brothers, dealers in ladies' ready-to-wear clothing. Here he was in charge of the advertising and window dressing, remaining one year. He then came to Berwick and engaged with the Berwick Store Company, becoming buyer for the cloak and suit department and display manager, and taking charge of the advertising.

Mr. Gilds was married in Berwick to Margaret Dixon, daughter of Thomas V. and Louise (Herlinger) Dixon of Berwick. They have one child, Dorothy Elizabeth, born Feb. 3, 1907.

Politically Mr. Gilds is a Republican and fraternally he belongs to Berwick Tent, No. 282, Knights of the Maccabees. Mr. and Mrs. Gilds attend Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

Thomas V. Dixon was born in Salem county, N. J., June 5, 1850, a son of Daniel S. and a grandson of Daniel Dixon, the latter a soldier of the Revolutionary war. He was a farmer, and followed that occupation in Salem county, N. J. He was a Whig in politics, and a member of the Baptist Church.

Daniel S. Dixon, grandfather of Mrs. Gilds, was educated in the home place and was engaged as a teamster during his active life. He was married to Mary Orr, who bore him the following children: William, Thomas V., Edward (who died in infancy), Joseph and Charles (deceased), Helen, George, Hannah, Mary, Albert and Sarah. The father died aged about seventy-two years, the mother living to the age of eighty-five. They were buried at Salem, N. J. Both were members of the Baptist Church, and he was a Democrat in politics.

Thomas V. Dixon received his education at the common schools of his native place, attending till he was about fifteen years

old. When he was twenty-one years old he learned puddling, with the Bridgeton Iron Works, of New Jersey, and followed his trade in various parts of the country. Coming to Berwick in 1888, he began his long service with the Jackson-Woodin Manufacturing Company, and is still with its successor, the American Car and Foundry Company. He was married to Louisa Herlinger, born Feb. 20, 1855, daughter of Julius and Mary (Wright) Herlinger, and their children are: Mary Elizabeth, Anna Priestly and Margaret. In politics Mr. Dixon is a Democrat. He is a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.; Berwick Council, No. 698, Junior Order United American Mechanics, and the Berwick Beneficial Association. He is member of the Baptist Church of Berwick.

Mr. Gilds has won the good will of his employers and fellow employees and has shown remarkable capacity in his positions with the Berwick Store Company.

HARRY RITTENHOUSE STEES, son of Dr. John I. and Annie (Armstrong) Stees, was born in Picture Rocks, Lycoming Co., Pa., March 7, 1877. At the age of nineteen he began the study of law under Ikeler & Ikeler, in whose office he remained for four years. He was admitted to the bar of Columbia county April 14, 1900, under Judge Robert R. Little, and was admitted to practice before the Supreme court April 9, 1906.

In 1901 Mr. Stees went to the State of Sonora, Mexico, as freight receiver in the railroad department of the Consolidated Copper Company, at Naco, and later was stationed at Cananea. When the railroad line was sold to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company he was made chief clerk to the chief engineer engaged in building a connecting link between the main line and the branch called the Arizona & Colorado Railroad. He remained three years, but becoming ill decided to return to Bloomsburg, where he opened a law office in September, 1904, and has since built up an extensive practice.

Mr. Stees was married, Oct. 4, 1902, to Anna, daughter of Edward and Annie (Yorks) Johnson, of Troy, Pa. They have no children. Mr. Stees is an Episcopalian, and has held the office of vestryman. He is a Democrat in politics, has served his party as county chairman, and is now State committeeman.

Dr. Thomas Whiteside, paternal great-grandfather of Mr. Stees, was a skilled physician at Harrisburg, Pa., during the early half

of the nineteenth century. Dr. Abraham C. Stees married Margaret Whiteside, and they became the parents of Dr. John I. Stees and the grandparents of Harry R. Stees. They located at Millerstown, Perry Co., Pa., about 1838.

Gen. John Heister, Mr. Stees's maternal great-great-grandfather, was closely connected with governmental affairs from 1774 to 1820. He was an officer under Washington during the American Revolution. From 1802 to 1806 he represented Chester county in the State Senate, and from 1807 to 1809 he was a member of Congress from Chester county.

The Rittenhouse and Armstrong families, of Germantown and the Chester Valley, respectively figured extensively in Colonial and Constitutional affairs in this country, bequeathing much to science and literature. The world owes much to the astronomical and mathematical genius of David Rittenhouse. The Articles of Confederation were partly framed by Colonel Armstrong, a favorite aide of Gen. George Washington.

FREDERICK HAGENBUCH, deceased, was during a long life one of the prominent representatives of an old settled family of Centre township, Columbia county. He was born in that township May 12, 1827, son of Daniel Hagenbuch and grandson of John Hagenbuch.

John Hagenbuch, the grandfather, was born in Northampton county, Pa., Sept. 24, 1763, son of Andrew and Anna Margaret Hagenbuch. When he was a young man his parents removed to Columbia county, locating in Centre township, just east of the Hidlay Church, and there they spent the remainder of their lives. They were farming people. They are buried in the Hidlay cemetery.

While still a resident of Northampton county John Hagenbuch was married there to Madeline Dreisbach, and they had eight sons, namely: Conrad, who removed to the West Branch, where he lived until his death; Simon, who lived in Centre township, near Summer Hill; John and Jacob, who occupied adjoining farms; Michael; Daniel; Jonas; and Charles, a blacksmith. The father of this family bought four hundred acres of land from a Mr. Smith, and began the work of clearing, and as his sons reached maturity and began life for themselves he erected buildings for them on this tract. Conrad, who had but thirty-five acres to start with, learned weaving and set up in business for himself.

Simon had sixty-three acres, and besides farming was engaged in freighting to and from Philadelphia. John, who was a farmer, started with fifty-seven acres, and subsequently bought out his brother Conrad. Jacob, who had thirty acres, was a wheelwright and colorer. Michael, who had seventeen acres and a timber lot, was a wheelwright by trade. Jonas, a weaver, had about twenty acres to begin with. Charles, who was a blacksmith, started with twenty acres, and sold out to his brother Daniel, moving to Northumberland county; he died near Sinking Springs. The father gave up farming about twenty years before his death, and thereafter lived retired, his sons Daniel and Jacob cultivating his land. The son Daniel built a little house for him on one part of the property, near a flowing spring, and there the father lived until his death, March 20, 1846, each of the sons contributing a certain amount to his support. Although each held his own land the father had given it under these conditions. His first wife, Madeline, had died a number of years previously.

Madeline (Dreisbach) Hagenbuch, wife of John Hagenbuch, born near Kreidersville, Northampton county, Sept. 9, 1766, died in Columbia county, Jan. 3, 1825. She was the daughter of Simon Dreisbach, Jr., and the granddaughter of Simon Dreisbach, Sr.

Simon Dreisbach, Sr., was born at Oberrnsdorf, Wettgenstein, Germany, Aug. 7, 1698, and qualified at Philadelphia Sept. 20, 1743. He settled in Lehigh township, Northampton Co., Pa., died March 31, 1785, and is buried at the Stone Church.

Simon Dreisbach, Jr., was born at Oberrnsdorf, Germany, Feb. 18, 1730. He was a delegate from Northampton county to the Constitutional convention in Philadelphia (July 15, 1776) which ratified the Declaration of Independence. From 1776 to 1780 he represented the county in the State Assembly and also several years as commissioner to collect blankets and provisions for the Continental soldiers, and from May 2, 1777, to Oct. 20, 1783, was a member of the Council of Censors. After the close of the war he again represented the county in several sessions of the State Assembly. In 1752 he was married to Dorothea (a daughter of Peter) Taes, who died in 1773. He was married a second time to Anna Maria Kuder, a widow, the daughter of Conrad Fox. He died near Kreidersville Dec. 17, 1806.

Daniel Hagenbuch, son of John, was the sixth of the eight sons born to his parents.

The portion of land given to him was sixty-three acres, and he afterwards bought out his brothers Simon and Charles. When his father retired he remained with him and took part of the management of the farm. He continued to follow agricultural pursuits until a few years before his death, which occurred in April, 1878. By his marriage, March 24, 1825, to Elizabeth Hill, a native of what is now Columbia county, he had a family of seven children, all now deceased but Frank and Hester, viz: Frederick; Josiah, who married Sarah Everhart, and lived at Light Street (he died in April, 1861, at the age of thirty-three years); Rachel, who married Philip Creasy, and resided in Centre township, later in West Berwick; Sarah, who married Emanuel Kelchner, of Bloomsburg; Wilson, who married Elmira White and lived at Atalissa, Muscatine Co., Iowa; Hester, the widow of Thomas W. Hagenbuch, now residing in West Berwick; and Frank H., who married Dora A. Fowler and lives in East Berwick, Salem township, Luzerne county. The mother passed away Oct. 23, 1867, and is buried with the father in Hidlay cemetery.

Capt. Frederick Hill, father of Mrs. Elizabeth (Hill) Hagenbuch, was born March 8, 1772, and died Aug. 21, 1823. On Aug. 3, 1807, as appears by the original commission in the possession of Charles F. Hill, Esq., of Hazleton, Pa., he was commissioned captain of the 6th Company, 112th Regiment of the Militia of Pennsylvania, by Gov. Thomas McKean, and he served with that rank in the war of 1812. He was proprietor of the old "Fort Jenkins" inn. He and his wife came to Columbia county from Berks county and passed their years here. They were buried on the old Hill homestead, and later removed to the Lime Ridge cemetery. His wife, Catherine (Conner), was a daughter of Thomas and Esther Ann (Fahls) Conner, of Berks county.

Frederick Hill, Sr., the father of Captain Hill, lived in Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa., and married Marie Le Van Huttenstein (widow), a daughter of Jacob and Marie (Rose) Le Van, the latter a daughter of Captain Rose. He died Aug. 2, 1794.

John Jacob Hill, the father of Frederick, Sr., was one of the five brothers who came to Berks county, Pa., from the river Rhine, in Germany, of whom three were generals and two captains. On July 3, 1739, he was married to Maria A. Merckel. He died about Jan. 17, 1776.

Jacob Le Van, son of Daniel and Marie

(Beau) Le Van (refugees from Picardy, France), came from Amsterdam, Holland, to Berks county, Pa., about 1715, and located in the Maxatawny valley. He was one of the judges of the County court from 1752 to 1762. He bore an important part in the defense of the frontiers during the French and Indian war and was commissioned to provision Fort Allen in 1756. He died March 12, 1768, and his widow survived until Jan. 18, 1785.

Thomas Conner, father of Catherine (Conner) Hill, was born in Ireland about 1745, and his wife, Esther Ann (Fahls), born in October, 1750, died in August, 1848. They had five children, viz.: (1) Catherine, born Aug. 20, 1777, wife of Frederick Hill (Capt.), died July 30, 1841; (2) John, born June 29, 1779, married Catherine Whitman; (3) Esther was born May 27, 1781; (4) Elizabeth, born June 10, 1783, became the wife of Jeremiah Culp, of Columbia county; (5) Sarah, born June 6, 1791, was the wife of John Mellick, of Columbia county. Thomas Conner served in the war of the Revolution.

Captain Frederick and Catherine (Conner) Hill had nine children, viz.: Polly, wife of Joseph Miller, of Michigan; Sarah, wife of Frederick Hill, of Berks county; Phoebe, wife of Rev. Mr. Kessler; Esther, wife of Samuel Adams; Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Hagenbuch; Catherine, wife of John Lazarus; John, who married Massa Hoffman; Jacob, who married Anna Achenbach; Rachel, wife of Aaron Hagenbuch, of Michigan.

Frederick Hagenbuch lived at home up to the age of twenty-seven years, following farm work, which was always his occupation. At that time he married, and for years thereafter rented land from his father-in-law, in 1855 purchasing what became his home farm, in partnership with his father, and locating there that year. He also bought the place which he had first rented. The first grant to his home farm was made to Henry Owen, who sold it to John Bittenbender, from whom it was purchased by Enos Fowler and S. H. Fowler, Mr. Hagenbuch and his father buying it from them in 1855. Mr. Hagenbuch's death occurred March 20, 1904, in Centre township. He was a prominent man in Centre township, serving his fellow citizens faithfully as school director and supervisor, and was well known in the Grange, in which he held office. Socially he belonged to Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., at Bloomsburg, and to the I. O. O. F. lodge at Espy.

With his family he belonged to the Hidlay Union Church.

On Feb. 22, 1853, Mr. Hagenbuch married Margaret Hidlay, a native of Centre township, Columbia county. Of the five children born to this union: (1) George Montgomery married Mary Pursel, and they have had children: Frederick D. (deceased), Barton, Blanche, Edna and Robert (deceased), Boyd, Elsie and Franklin (deceased). Of these Frederick D. married Harriet Buckalew, and they had two children, Carl and Nebin; Barton married Lillian Eck; Blanche married Edward Eastman. (2) Oscar Daniel married Ella McHenry, and their children are: Geraldine; Lorena, the wife of Briggs Wesley; and McHenry. (3) Ida Eleanor. (4) Clara Elizabeth. (5) Sarah Margaret.

George Hidlay, great-grandfather of Margaret (Hidlay) Hagenbuch, was a resident of Oxford township, Sussex Co., N. J. He was a Revolutionary soldier and served as a private in Capt. Francis Rhoad's company of Northampton County Militia. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. He died in October, 1794. He and his wife, Sophia, were buried in the old Presbyterian Church cemetery at Oxford, New Jersey.

Henry Hidlay, son of George Hidlay, was born in New Jersey, not far from Easton, Pa., March 17, 1765, coming thence to Centre township, Columbia county, and settling near what became known as Hidlay Church. He was a very religious man, and donated the land for the Hidlay Presbyterian Church, the first Presbyterian Church in the valley. Politically he was a member of the Whig party. His wife was Sarah McMurtrie, daughter of Abraham and Amelia (Barton) McMurtrie, and granddaughter of Rev. Thomas Barton. He died March 4, 1848, and his remains, as well as those of many of his descendants, lie buried in the Hidlay Church cemetery.

Rev. Thomas Barton, father of Amelia (Barton) McMurtrie, was married in England to Hannah Clark, a daughter of Daniel Clark. They emigrated to Virginia, locating on the James river, and afterwards moved to Pennsylvania, in the vicinity of Philadelphia. He was chaplain in the war during 1755.

Henry and Sarah (McMurtrie) Hidlay had seven children, namely: George, born June 17, 1789, who married Sarah Aikman; (2) Amelia, born Dec. 24, 1791, wife of John Freas; (3) Abraham, born March 19, 1794, who married Elizabeth Geisinger; (4) John; (5) Henry, Jr., born Sept. 11, 1798, who

died when young; (6) Sarah, born Jan. 25, 1801, wife of Mr. Smith, and (7) William born June 25, 1803, who married Mary White.

George Hidlay, Jr., son of Henry Hidlay, lived and died in Columbia county. By occupation he was a farmer, owning two good farms. He married Sarah Aikman, daughter of Levi (Sr.) and Margaret (Hutchinson) Aikman, and granddaughter of Alexander Aikman, who came from New Jersey, and was the earliest ancestor of the Aikman family in this region. He was married in New Jersey, Jan. 8, 1764, to Mary Elizabeth Lewis. Margaret Hutchinson was a daughter of James Hutchinson, of Northampton county. Mr. and Mrs. George Hidlay were buried in the Hidlay Church cemetery. He was a Presbyterian in religious connection, and a Republican in politics. Their children, all now deceased, were: Levi, who married Janet Reynolds; Margaret, Mrs. Frederick Hagenbuch; Sarah (twin of Margaret), who died young; Jane, who married Levi Creveling; Abram, who died young; and George, who married Sarah Roup.

Joseph McMurtrie, grandfather of Sarah (McMurtrie) Hidlay, was born at Dalmellington, Ayrshire, Scotland, about 1685, and came to America in 1750. He died in Oxford township, Sussex (now Warren) Co., N. J., in 1761. His children were: Joseph; John; Abraham; Agnes; Elizabeth.

Abraham McMurtrie, the third son of Joseph McMurtrie, born in Scotland July 17, 1741, died in New Jersey Sept. 3, 1819. Amelia (Barton) McMurtrie, his wife, was born in Virginia Jan. 11, 1746, and died in New Jersey Feb. 10, 1831. Abraham and Amelia (Barton) McMurtrie had eleven children, namely: (1) Sarah, wife of Henry Hidlay, born in Oxford, N. J., March 1, 1765, died April 15, 1849. (2) Elizabeth, born Dec. 27, 1766, was the wife of Abram Stewart, of Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa. (3) Hannah was born March 11, 1769. (4) Mary was born Nov. 25, 1771. (5) James, born March 10, 1774, died March 10, 1836. (6) Amelia was born June 13, 1776. (7) Nancy Ann, born Jan. 16, 1779, married William Bryan, of Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., and for her second husband Rev. William Sloan, of Bloomsburg, N. J. (8) John, born Jan. 9, 1782, died March 8, 1828. (9) Thomas, born July 19, 1784, died April 1, 1828. (10) Isabella, born May 1, 1786, died Jan. 5, 1835. (11) Abram, born Aug. 7, 1789, died June 26, 1861.

All the children of Frederick and Margaret

(Hidlay) Hagenbuch are still living. George Montgomery resides in Bloomsburg. Oscar Daniel lives at Stillwater. Ida Eleanor and Clara Elizabeth occupy the old homestead. Sarah Margaret, after having received academic and professional training, became a public school teacher. After a few years of successful experience, both in ungraded and in graded school work, she was elected to her present position, as teacher in the first primary grade of the Berwick public schools. Later the additional duty of supervisor of the primary department was added to her responsibilities, and she has since served well and faithfully in these capacities. Miss Hagenbuch is especially fitted for her work, having been trained at the Bloomsburg State Normal School and having pursued special courses of study and the observance of modern and improved methods of teaching at Martha's Vineyard, the Chautauqua in New York State, and the Teachers' College, New York City, summer schools. Professionally she is an efficient teacher; socially she is a member of Moses Van Campen Chapter, D. A. R., of Berwick, and a charter member and active worker in the Columbia County Historical Society.

**WILLIAM C. GARRISON**, president of the Berwick Store Company, was born in Baltimore, Md., May 2, 1870. His father, William J. Garrison, a native of North Carolina, was born near the Company Shops, where his father was also born. The Garrison family removed to North Carolina from New Jersey during the latter part of the seventeenth century and were anti-abolitionists in direct opposition to the other branch of the Garrison family, prominently represented in William Lloyd Garrison, whose writings and speeches had so great an effect in promoting the abolitionist cause in the North.

William J. Garrison was married while a resident of North Carolina to Hannah S. Partin, a daughter of Peterson Partin, a native of Farmville, Va., and of French descent. In 1868 Mr. Garrison removed to Baltimore, where he entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, remaining with same for twenty years, when he returned to Carolina. There he soon afterwards died. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Garrison were: Charles G., now deceased; Hannah Mary, and William C. Mr. Garrison was a member of the Democratic party, like the Southerners of his time generally, and belonged to the Baptist Church.

William C. Garrison spent his youth in Bal-

timore, where he carried on his studies in the public schools. Ill health prevented his continued attendance at school, though, like many apparent misfortunes, his persistent illness proved a blessing in disguise. He secured copy books of the Spencerian system of penmanship, and when unable to study spent his time in perfecting his handwriting. When nineteen years of age Mr. Garrison, his parents having both died, went to Chicago, and secured a clerical position because of his ability to write well. After about six months he obtained a position with the American Wheel Company, one of the largest manufacturers of wheels in the United States, was made bookkeeper within a short time, and had charge of the customers' accounts, his accuracy and thoroughness making him very valuable. When the firm failed and was placed in receivers' hands he was auditor and chief accountant, with entire charge of the company's books. There were thirty-six branches in various parts of the United States, each doing a large business, and each one reported to the general office. When the trustees wished to reorganize, a complete statement of each branch was made and the whole tabulated by Mr. Garrison. So accurate were the reports, made on such short notice, that the total estimated value, as afterwards ascertained, varied but a few thousand dollars from the actual value. The Standard Wheel Company became owners of the business, with headquarters at Indianapolis and Terre Haute, Ind. Mr. Garrison was made auditor and office manager of this company. In 1901 he came to Scranton, Pa., where he secured a position with a large department store as office manager.

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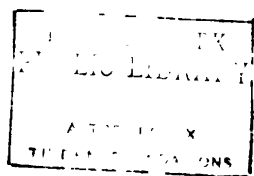
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politics, and a loyal supporter of the policies of his party. As a member of the board of managers of the Y. M. C. A., and chairman of the financial committee, much of the success of the association is due to his efforts in collecting "sinews of war." Mr. Garrison takes a deep interest in all matters pertaining to Berwick, and is ever ready to use his influence for the benefit and advancement of his adopted city.

Mr. Garrison is past master of Ancient Landmarks Lodge, No. 319, F. and A. M., of Indianapolis, Ind.; member of Indianapolis Consistory, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and Murate Temple, Shrine of Indianapolis; of Crusade Commandery, Knights Templar, Bloomsburg, Pa.; member of the Masonic Club of New York City and the Pennsylvania Society of New York City.

CLYDE CHARLES YETTER, a prominent attorney of Bloomsburg, has come into favorable notice both in his professional capacity and as one of the ablest men who have had the direction of public affairs in his borough. He was born April 3, 1875, son of William Henry and Nora (Brown) Yetter, was educated in the public schools and at the Bloomsburg State Normal, and then took up the legal profession, being admitted to practice Jan. 15, 1900. Mr. Yetter was married in Philadelphia Aug. 10, 1908, to Mary Frances, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Alexander Adams, of Bloomsburg.

In every community there are representative citizens who are confidently relied upon to cast their influence upon the side of good government, law and order, and to uphold those things which make for progress, peace and prosperity. Of this class of citizenship in Bloomsburg is Clyde C. Yetter. Besides practicing in all the courts of the State, as well as the United States District court and the United States Court of Appeals, he has found time to devote to the interests of his fellow citizens. For years he has been in the public eye, and has been one of the foremost figures in the general advancement of Bloomsburg.

Mr. Yetter has served two terms as mayor of Bloomsburg. During his administration a large number of improvements were made, paving of the city streets was inaugurated, without the borrowing of a dollar, tax rates were lowered, cost of street lighting cut in half, water rates for fire purposes reduced, and important streets were opened. He set

on foot a campaign for the general improvement of the sidewalks and crossings. It was also during his term of administration that the city raised \$1,500 for the relief of the San Francisco sufferers.

Mr. Yetter has served as municipal solicitor and is the author of the bill which made street paving in Bloomsburg possible. This bill the Chamber of Commerce christened the "Yetter Paving Bill." Mr. Yetter has been president of the Chamber of Commerce eight years. His practice now is the trial of causes in the civil courts of his home county, in many other counties of the State, and in the Appellate courts of the State and United States.

In politics Mr. Yetter is a Republican of broad type and liberal in his views. He has been chairman of the Republican county committee, member of the State committee and of the State League of Republican Clubs, and is always to the fore in matters of local and national importance.

J. MILES DERR, of Limestoneville, is a teacher of long experience in Montour county, where he is also engaged in farming. He is a native of Lycoming county, Pa., born June 23, 1868, in Moreland township, son of John F. Derr.

Christopher Derr, grandfather of J. Miles Derr, was born in Anthony township, in what is now Montour (then Columbia) county, and was only a boy when his father died. He was married in Lycoming county to Mary Opp, also a native of Pennsylvania, and they had a family of ten children: Hannah, Philip, John F., Jane, Phoebe, George, Thomas M., Wilson, Franklin C. and Jacob. The parents are buried at Moreland. Their ancestors are English and German.

John F. Derr, father of J. Miles Derr, was born also in Moreland township, Lycoming Co., Pa., July 16, 1823, and is now living retired at Turbotville, Pa. In 1871 he settled in Limestone township, Montour county, and followed farming there the rest of his active years, retiring in 1895. Then he moved to Turbotville. He married Sarah Houseknecht, who was born June 29, 1834, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Warn) Houseknecht, of Lycoming county, and they have had nine children, all living but one, viz.: Fuller S., M. D., who is located at Watsontown, Pa.; Phoebe Jane, wife of Albert Muffley, of Watsontown; Elmer Benjamin, of Baltimore, Md.; J. Miles; Homer Munro, of South Dakota;

Anna F., wife of Dr. Van Zant, of Turbotville; T. Judson; and Mary Alice, wife of John Krumm, of Turbotville.

J. Miles Derr obtained an excellent education, going from the common schools to high school at Watsontown and later spending one term at the West Chester (Pa.) normal school. He then commenced teaching, which profession he has continued to follow to the present time, having taught twenty-four terms to date. He has been highly successful in his educational work, in which he has taken the most sincere interest always, a fact which undoubtedly accounts for his popularity and good influence as an instructor. Mr. Derr was reared to farming, and has always continued to engage in that calling, before his marriage for his parents and afterwards on his own account. He is now residing at the old paternal homestead in Limestone township, the home of the family since 1871. He takes an active part in local public affairs, at present serving as tax receiver for his township, and on political questions is allied with the Republican party.

On Feb. 14, 1893, Mr. Derr was married to Cora E. Bannen, daughter of James and Elizabeth (Martin) Bannen, the former a retired farmer now living near Turbotville; Mrs. Bannen died when her daughter Cora was a child of eight years. Mrs. Derr died May 1, 1895, aged twenty years, twelve days. She left one child, Helen F., now nineteen years old, who graduated from the Millersville normal school in 1912 and taught her first term in Bucks county, Pa., where she is now engaged. Mr. Derr's second marriage was to Minnie M. Leiser, who was born Jan. 18, 1870, in Kelly township, Union Co., Pa., daughter of Jacob and Susan (Dieffenderfer) Leiser, both of whom are deceased. Four children have been born to this union: Ada F., now (1913) fifteen years old; Thelma, deceased; Leiser, eight years old; and Martha, two years old. Mr. Derr is a member of the Baptist Church, his wife of the Lutheran denomination.

CHARLES B. LUTZ, of Bloomsburg, Pa., is a leading insurance man of that place and one of the best informed agents in this section on contracts and values. He was born April 22, 1870, in Bloomsburg, son of M. P. Lutz, who established the insurance business in which he and his son are now engaged.

Peter Lutz, the first of the family on record, came to Columbia from Berks county in 1810, and located in Benton township, where

he bought a tract of land on the State road, near Cambra. He married in Berks county Catherine Belles, and they had several children, their second son being Adam, grandfather of Charles B. Lutz. Peter Lutz died in 1831 and his widow in 1862, and both were buried near Pealertown.

Adam Lutz attended the country schools and worked on his father's farm during his youth. He learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed almost continuously until his death. In January, 1838, he married Sidney Travis, a native of Luzerne county, and after marriage moved to Fairmount township, in that county. For four years they lived on the farm in Luzerne county, and then Mrs. Lutz died and Mr. Lutz sold out and returned to Columbia county to work at his trade. In January, 1851, he married Catherine Knouse, in Jackson township, and they moved to the old homestead of his father, where they resided for six years. In 1857 he bought a farm near Benton and cultivated it until 1861, when he removed to Benton and built the home in which he resided until his death in 1866.

By his first marriage Adam Lutz had four children: N. A., wife of George Hazlett, of Bloomingdale, Luzerne county; M. P., mentioned below; F. M., of Buffalo township; and Sidney Mary. By his second marriage there were also four children: N. A., wife of Reuben Whitmire, of Wilkes-Barre; Clarissa C., wife of Sylvester Sollider, of Bloomsburg; S. A., of Centre township; and Phoebe J., deceased. Mrs. Adam Lutz later married Judge James Lake.

M. P. Lutz was born in Benton township Jan. 13, 1841, and after receiving a common school education attended Columbus Academy and took an additional course at Kingston Academy. In early life he assisted his father on the farm. He enlisted in Company A, 52d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was in the engagements at Gaines' Mill, Yorktown, Williamsburg and Fair Oaks, being disabled in the latter battle, sent to the hospital, and discharged for disability. In August, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, 199th P. V. I., was promoted to sergeant, and participated in the siege of Richmond and the operations around Petersburg. After participating in the review at Washington he returned home, and engaged in the millwright business. In 1866 he took a clerkship with Coolbaugh & Frantz, of Wilkes-Barre, and after two years bought an interest in the shoe business of Reed & Kennedy, the firm becoming Lutz & Kennedy. Later he

bought out the store of A. J. Sloan and established the first exclusive dry goods business in Bloomsburg, being the first merchant to dress his windows. In 1885 he embarked in the insurance business, which he has conducted ever since.

On Jan. 13, 1868, Mr. Lutz married Anna A., daughter of Col. B. S. Brockway, a native of Berwick, and they have had these children: Charles B., mentioned below; and Frank E., of Ramsey, N. J. Mr. Lutz has filled all of the offices in the Odd Fellows order, and was also formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias.

Charles B. Lutz was educated in the schools of Bloomsburg and took a preparatory course in the State Normal, afterwards graduating from White's business college, at Newark, N. J. He soon obtained a position as bookkeeper with Jonas Long & Sons, of Wilkes-Barre, remaining there until 1888, when he returned to Bloomsburg and entered into the insurance business with his father. During 1910-12 he was on the road as special agent and adjuster for the Humboldt Fire Insurance Company, of Pittsburg. He handles all kinds of insurance matters and is considered an authority on contracts.

In 1887 Charles B. Lutz was married to Edna, daughter of George W. and Francis (Millard) Creveling, of Almedia, and they have had three children: Francis, born April 27, 1900; Clarissa, born Sept. 28, 1901; and Martin, born Sept. 12, 1910. Mr. Lutz is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 276, F. & A. M., and has passed all the chairs. He is also connected with Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M., and Caldwell Consistory. He is a member of Theta Castle, No. 272, Knights of the Golden Eagle. In politics he is independent. He attends the Baptist Church.

W. L. SNYDER, proprietor of the gristmill at Newlin, Columbia county, was born in that vicinity, in Locust township, Oct. 3, 1858, son of John Snyder and grandson of Michael Snyder. The latter moved from Berks county, Pa., to Schuylkill county in the early days and settled on a farm, where he died at the age of about fifty years.

John Snyder, father of W. L. Snyder, was born and reared in Schuylkill county and there married Lucetta Bitler, a daughter of John Bitler, who also removed from Berks to Schuylkill county. They had seven children, four of whom are now living, W. L., Joel, Mary Alice and Jeremiah, all residents of Columbia county. Mr. Snyder died at the

age of fifty-two and a-half years, and his wife at the age of seventy-three years. He was a member of the Reformed Church and she of the Lutheran Church, and they are buried in the Reformed cemetery at Numidia. He was a lumber dealer and miller, and also ran a gristmill, and owned 160 acres near Roaringcreek post office in Locust township as well as a mill. He sawed lumber to build the first bridges in the county, and in his early years worked in the typical manner of the times, splitting shingles by hand and carrying on his other operations as well as possible with the appliances to be had. He built an early mill in Schuylkill county. In his younger days he was a great hunter and fisherman. He was a Democrat and prominent in politics, serving as treasurer of Columbia county for one term.

W. L. Snyder received his schooling in Locust township and after he grew older worked with farmers and in sawmills, also being employed in his brother's gristmill. In 1880 he bought the gristmill on Stony creek, at Kerntown, which was originally built by a Mr. Cherrington, a famous builder of the time. The machinery was brought by wagon from Philadelphia. The name of the man to whom Mr. Cherrington sold it is not given, but with that exception all the owners are known. It was bought from the second owner by Benjamin Bahm, who sold it to Elias Snyder, from whom it was purchased by W. L. Snyder, the present owner. The original mill is still standing, and it was enlarged seventy years ago. Since his purchase of the mill Mr. Snyder has added modern machinery, installing a gasoline engine (which operates the mill six out of the twelve months) and a fine turbine waterwheel, buckwheat shucker, etc. During the eight months the water supply is available the mill grinds an average of sixty-nine bushels in a ten-hour run, and considerable custom grinding is done, the place being an industrial center of importance to the township. Mr. Snyder has fifteen acres of land adjoining the mill, which he cultivates.

Mr. Snyder was married in 1880 to Hannah Fahringer, a native of Numidia, daughter of Harmon and Mary (Keller) Fahringer, and they have had fifteen children: John, Clara, Grover, Mary L. (deceased), Jerry, Emerson, Martin, Ida, Henry A. (deceased), Alma, Emma, Lucy, Florence, Falcon and Archie. Mr. Snyder is a Democrat, and he has been school director for three years. He is a member of the Lutheran Church.

WILLIAM H. FISHER, of Bloomsburg, who has served two terms on the board of commissioners of Columbia county, has long been a well known resident of this section, where his active career has brought him into contact with many of his fellow citizens. Mr. Fisher was born at Ringtown, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Sept. 4, 1851, son of Daniel Fisher, and is a great-great-grandson of the founder of the family in this country, who came from Germany and settled near Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa. He secured a large tract of land and became one of the substantial farmers of his neighborhood.

Henry Fisher, son of the above, was born in Berks county, Pa., and later moved to Columbia county, making the trip with wagons, as was the custom in those days, there being no railroads in this section. Arriving in 1821, he settled in what is now Main township, buying at a sheriff's sale a tract of land comprising 400 acres, where he died. He married Elizabeth Bastress, who was also born in Berks county, and both are buried in the Fisher Church cemetery in Main township. Mr. Fisher gave the land for the church, behind which the cemetery lies, and in compliment to him it was given his name. Henry Fisher was among the pioneers of this district and was recognized as one of the leading men here. He and his wife had children as follows: Solomon; Jonathan; John; Elizabeth, who married Benjamin Kercher; Maria, who married John Deemer; Catherine, who married Christ Fegley; Alice, who married a Mr. Fenstermacher; Bebbie, who married Philip Fegley; Nancy, who married Samuel Kercher; Susan, who married Conrad Bredbenner; and Mrs. Jacob Hinterliter.

John Fisher, son of Henry Fisher, was a native of Berks county, was brought to Columbia county by his parents, and operated the Fisher homestead until his death, which occurred about 1851. Coming back from Mainville with a load of planks, etc., while attempting to guide his four-horse team, he was run over by a wheel of the wagon and killed. He married Juda Kiefer, like himself born in Berks county, daughter of Daniel Kiefer, and both are buried in the Fisher Church cemetery in Main township. She died March 15, 1885. They had the following children: Daniel, who became the father of William H. Fisher; William S.; James; Henry; Catherine, who married Daniel Miller; Eliza, who married William Mosteller; Esther, who married John Shipe; and Mary, who married Martin Nuss.

Daniel Fisher, son of John, was born April 27, 1823, in Catawissa township, then in Northumberland county, and obtained a good common school education. He followed farming on the old homestead in Main township for a number of years, and for five years was located near Milton, in Northumberland county, on a farm now owned by the Fairchild estate. Then he removed into the borough of Milton, where he made his home for sixteen years, at the end of that period coming to Limestoneville, Montour Co., Pa., where he lived from 1888 to 1904. He has since been a resident of Bloomsburg, making his home with his son William H.

On Jan. 23, 1844, Daniel Fisher was united in marriage, by Rev. William J. Eyer, to Mary M. Creasy, daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Blank) Creasy, both natives of Union township, Schuylkill Co., Pa. Children as follows were born to this union: Hannah Melinda, born Feb. 16, 1845, married Charles T. Sherman; Sarah Ann Catherine was born Aug. 11, 1847; William Henry was born Sept. 4, 1851; Emma Eudora Alice was born Feb. 9, 1857; Luther Daniel was born Sept. 29, 1860; Huldah Elizabeth, born Jan. 22, 1863, married William H. Kramm. Mrs. Fisher died in 1906 and is buried in Hillside cemetery at Catawissa. Daniel Fisher is the oldest resident of Bloomsburg, where he is well known and highly honored. Although ninety-one years of age in 1914, he still continues to read the daily papers and take a keen interest in the affairs of the town and the outside world. He is thoroughly familiar with both English and German and is a mine of information regarding matters of the past in Columbia county. In politics he is a Democrat and in religious faith a Lutheran.

William H. Fisher had the advantages of the public schools in his early life and later attended the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He was reared to farming and began on his own account in 1871, upon the old homestead in Main township, where he remained for over thirty years, until 1903. That year he came to live at Bloomsburg, his home being at No. 140 West Third street, where he has a fine residence. He retains the ownership of the old Fisher homestead, his son Edward H. now farming that property. Mr. Fisher has always taken a keen interest in the administration of public affairs, and while living in Main township served as assessor and school director. In 1899 he was honored with election, as county commissioner, and he was re-elected in 1903, serving six years in succe-

sion, until 1905. During his administration many bridges were built in Columbia county, both State and county structures, some of the most important being the Long Hollow bridge; the bridge over Catawissa creek at Shumantown, Beaver township; the Breisch bridge on Catawissa creek, the Nuss bridge in Main township; the paper mill bridge south of Catawissa; the bridge at the west end of Catawissa borough; two spans of the Catawissa bridge across the Susquehanna, after it had been destroyed by flood; the Mifflinville bridge; and the bridge across the Susquehanna between Berwick and Nescopeck. His public services were such as to win him the good will and respect of his fellow members of the board and the citizens of Columbia county generally. His political association has been with the Democratic party and in religion he is a Lutheran.

On Dec. 29, 1870, Mr. Fisher married Mary Catherine Aten, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Breisch) Aten, and they have had two children: Edward H., born March 21, 1872, and Dannie V., born June 22, 1887, the latter dying when eighteen months old (Dec. 23, 1888). Edward married Lillian Shuman, and they have two children, Mary L. and Warren L. Fisher.

GEORGE A. LAUB has been closely associated with a number of progressive movements in West Berwick which have proved beneficial and won approbation from all interested in the welfare of that town. His work as member of the health and school boards has been of particular service to his fellow citizens.

Mr. Laub's ancestors came to this country from Holland, and the family was established in Lancaster county, Pa., many years ago. There Jacob Laub, grandfather of George A. Laub, lived for a number of years, marrying Elizabeth Deitterick, also of Lancaster county. By occupation he was a farmer. In the year 1845 he and his wife removed with their family to Juniata county, Pa., and he died during the Civil war. Their children were: George entered the Union service during the Civil war, in which he met his death, being killed at the battle of Cold Harbor; Jacob, who like his brothers was in the Northern army during the Civil war, being drummer, is now living in California; Henry H. is mentioned later; Jane married William Roush; Martha married Theodore Frey. This family held to the faith of the German Reformed Church.

Henry H. Laub was born Jan. 10, 1840, in New Holland, Lancaster county, where he lived until five years old. Then he accompanied his parents to Juniata county, where he obtained a good education, being allowed to attend common school until 1859, when he entered the academy at McAlisterville conducted by George F. McFarland. During the winter of 1860-61 he was engaged in teaching, in West Beaver township, Snyder Co., Pa., continued his studies in school the following summer, and in the fall and winter of 1862 again taught, in the same place. On April 2, 1862, he enlisted for the Union service, entering Company H, 49th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and served his full term. He remained with his regiment until the surrender at Appomattox Court House, and arrived home May 5, 1865.

Mr. Laub became a skilled carpenter and worked at the trade for some time, but eventually gave his attention principally to fruit growing, in which line he did well. As one of the competent officials of Spring and West Beaver townships, he has become one of the best known residents in his section of Snyder county. In Spring township he served as assessor, supervisor, tax collector, auditor, census enumerator (for 1890) and school director (three terms), and for the last several years he has been auditor of Spring township. For twenty-five years continuously he has been holding office in the German Reformed Church, being now secretary of Christ Church at Beaver Springs and treasurer of the joint consistory of Beaver Springs charge. As a veteran of the Civil war he belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, holding membership in Post No. 612, at Beaver Springs, in which he has filled all the offices; he served as commander, and has been quartermaster ever since 1892. To his marriage with Louisa Shout, daughter of Adam Shout (who married a Miss Howell), of West Beaver township, Snyder county, have been born six children: Harry, who married Olive Knepp; Sarah, who married Charles Wagner; Jacob A., now of Erie, Pa., married to Minnie Belle Smith; George A.; Elizabeth, and Grace.

George A. Laub, son of Henry H. and Louisa (Shout) Laub, was born March 15, 1873, in Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Pa. His education was obtained in the public schools there. When he began work, in 1886, he entered the employ of the Weiland Company, in the vicinity of Beaver Springs, manufacturing wooden staves. For a time he assisted on his father's fruit farm. Afterwards



he was employed by Dr. A. M. Smith, in the iron ore mines at Beaver Springs, and when work in the mines ceased found employment in the lumber woods in the surrounding territory. Coming to Berwick in 1898, he found a place as rougher in the rolling mills of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, under J. H. Catterall, remaining there until the mills closed down, in 1908. Then he embarked in business in West Berwick, in the retail confectionery and cigar trade, and at the same time traveled as wholesale cigar salesman through Sullivan, Montour, Columbia, Northumberland and part of Luzerne counties. In the fall of 1910 he returned to the employ of the American Car & Foundry Company, being in the finishing department of the passenger coach department, under Superintendent L. E. Hess.

Mr. Laub lives at No. 1205 West Front street, and has interested himself in local activities for several years. He has been a member of the board of school directors of West Berwick for eleven years and was secretary of that body for six years; he is also member and secretary of the West Berwick health board, and has always used his influence to promote the welfare of the town. He is a prominent Republican, member of the local committee and of the county committee of his party. In the year 1914 he was nominated, on the Republican ticket, for representative in the State Legislature from Columbia county. As a member of the Lutheran Church he has also been a useful worker along religious lines, being class leader and chorister of the Sunday School and for eight years its superintendent.

Mr. Laub married Amelia E. Beaver, daughter of Henry P. and Mary Ellen (Buffington) Beaver, of Middleburg, Snyder county. Their three children are: H. Rupert, born Feb. 18, 1896; George Albert, Feb. 26, 1901; Harland A., Aug. 4, 1902.

HENRY P. BEAVER, father of Mrs. George A. Laub, was born Jan. 20, 1856, at Kratzerville, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Nathaniel Beaver, also a native of Kratzerville. From that place he moved to Avilla, Ind., where he owned 180 acres of land and engaged in general farming. He married Elizabeth Walter, who was also from the vicinity of Kratzerville, and they had the following children: Kate, Maria, Simon, David, Elizabeth Jane, Wilson, Nathaniel, Perry, Anicetus, Henry P. and Michael. The father was a Republican in politics, in religious connection a member of the Evangelical Church.

Henry P. Beaver was given a common school education. He moved with the family to Avilla, Noble Co., Ind., and did farm work there. Returning to Pennsylvania he learned the trade of blacksmith at Middleburg, Snyder county, and followed it for some years. In 1899 he came to Berwick, but moved back to Middleburg after a year's stay. In 1905 he again came to Berwick, and entered the finishing department of the American Car & Foundry Company under Superintendent Johnson, where he is still working. Mr. Beaver is a Republican, an Odd Fellow (of Beaver Springs), and a member of Grace Lutheran Church. He married Mary Ellen Buffington, who was born Aug. 18, 1857, daughter of Edward L. Buffington, of Middleburg, and they have had three children: Amelia Elizabeth, born July 11, 1876, wife of George A. Laub; Anicetus Pearl, born June 3, 1883, wife of R. V. Mitchell; and Bertha Agnes, born Feb. 2, 1886, wife of Harry D. Kepner.

Robert Buffington, Mrs. Beaver's grandfather, was born in Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa., and lived to be eighty-three years old. He was a boatman on the canal between Philadelphia and Lancaster. His wife, Maria Aurand, was from Middleburg, Pa., and their children were Edward L. and James, the latter marrying Elizabeth Zechman.

Edward L. Buffington died Nov. 29, 1892, aged fifty-nine years. A native of Middleburg, he obtained a common school training and learned the trade of carpenter, later becoming an undertaker. He served in the Civil war, enlisting from Middleburg. He married Amelia Weller, who came from Freeburg (Washington township), Snyder county, she being one of a family of eight children, viz.: William; Henry; Jacob, who married Rebecca Saylor; Levi, who married Mary Rathfon; Peter, who married Betsy Larish; Amelia; Betsy, Mrs. Peter Eby; and Susanna, Mrs. George Pierce. To Mr. and Mrs. Buffington were born seven children: Elizabeth Minerva, who married George W. Sholter; Victoria Idella, wife of Barber Simonton; Mary Ellen, Mrs. Henry P. Beaver; and Henry McClellan, Harvey J., Laura Alice and Charlotte L., all buried at Middleburg. Mr. Buffington was a Republican on political issues. He belonged to the United Brethren Church.

E. TRUMAN EVES is living on land in Greenwood township which has been continuously in the possession of his family since acquired by the ancestor who founded this

line in Columbia county. He has been a highly useful member of his community, in business thrifty, and public-spirited in the discharge of his duties as a citizen.

The Eves family has been settled in Columbia county for one hundred and forty years. John Eves, its founder here, was one of the pioneer settlers in the valley of Fishing creek. He had come there from Mill Creek Hundred, New Castle Co., Del., and located on a tract of 1,200 acres in the townships of Greenwood and Madison, including the present site of Millville. The land was secured by deed dated Nov. 29, 1774, the former owner having been Reuben Haines, a brewer, of Philadelphia (it was part of Lord Baltimore's grant). It would appear, however, that Mr. Eves had concluded the purchase and settled in this section some years previous to the time this title was acquired, coming into possession of it not later than 1770. His settlement in this section marks an important period in its history. From Delaware he came to Milton (Northumberland county), where there was a fort, in 1770, proceeding thence with an Indian guide to Fishing creek, where he inspected his land in 1781. He and his son Thomas built a cabin and cleared an acre of ground at Larry Spring (so named for Larry Flinn; see below). The family had been living here several years when the Wyoming massacre, in 1778, startled the inhabitants of the region out of the feeling of security they had barely acquired. John Eves, warned by a friendly Indian, returned East as far as Chester county, Pa., in time to avoid any of the evil consequences of that affair, and remained there for seven years before again venturing into the backwoods.

But little is known regarding the personal history of John Eves. He was an Irish Friend, born in 1720, and came to America, from Dublin, about the year 1738. He was in good circumstances in Mill Creek Hundred, and held various offices of responsibility. One of his experiences as a constable reveals the determined character of the man. He was given the warrant for the arrest of a miscreant who defied the power of the law, and threatened to take the life of the officer as he approached. But the latter walked boldly forward and disarmed him without a struggle. The victory was not complete, however, as the obstinacy of the culprit was equal to his cowardice, and he refused to walk, whereupon the constable tied his prisoner to the horse, and they proceeded without further difficulties. Another trait of his character is illustrated by an occurrence during his residence

here. While in Philadelphia on one occasion he advanced the passage money of Larry Flinn and his wife, two destitute Friends who had recently arrived from England. They would then have been obliged to remain in his service for several years, but he received them into his family and they never left it. In 1751 John Eves married Edith Yeatman, an English lady, said to have possessed great strength of character as well as personal beauty. They were the parents of seventeen children, fourteen of whom reared families—as a rule large families. Their names with dates of births are as follows: Sarah, 4 mo., 24th, 1753 (died in 1762); Thomas, 2d mo., 5th, 1755; John, 2d mo., 22d, 1757; Joseph, 10th mo., 30th, 1758; Mark, 7th mo., 16th, 1760 (died in 1762); William, 2d mo., 2d, 1762; Chandlee, 12th mo., 14th, 1763; Elizabeth, 12th mo., 30th, 1765; Sarah, 5th mo., 14th, 1767; Edith, 5th mo., 14th, 1767; Andrew, 6th mo., 4th, 1769; Mary, 11th mo., 24th, 1770; Priscilla, 11th mo., 3d, 1772; Mark, 4th mo., 8th, 1774; Ann, 4th mo., 21st, 1775; Samuel, 1st mo., 1778; Ezra, 6th mo., 28th, 1782. Of these, four families moved to Canada in 1800. John Eves, Sr., died 7th mo., 1st, 1802; and Edith (Yeatman) Eves, 4th mo., 14th, 1818, aged eighty-three years. Many of those who bore the name have occupied positions of honor and respectability in the various walks of life. Numerous descendants of the original stock continue to live in this region.

Ezra Eves, son of John and Edith (Yeatman) Eves, born 6th mo. 28, 1782, married Susanna Kester, and they were the parents of the following children: Francis P., Benjamin K., John R., Elizabeth, Lucretia M., and Joseph E.

Francis P. Eves, eldest son of Ezra, was born Jan. 29, 1820, in Greenwood township, was reared to farming, and after his marriage located on the homestead, which was part of the original tract of John Eves, and which he cultivated until 1878. That year he removed to Millville, where he lived retired until his death, Feb. 24, 1898. About the time he reached his twenty-sixth year he married Elizabeth Rote, who was born in 1820, in Greenwood township, daughter of Francis and Mary (Welliver) Rote, and six children were born to this marriage: Anna died in infancy; E. Truman lives on the homestead; Addra Anna, now a resident of Bloomsburg, is the widow of J. Barton Eves, by whom she had five children; Wilbur Warren, a farmer, of Berwick, married Rhoda Crist, and they had four children; Margaret Evelyn is unmarried

and living in Philadelphia; Mary Bertha, widow of William Eves, has one child, Merritt.

E. Truman Eves, eldest son of Francis P. Eves, was born Aug. 24, 1848, on the farm in Greenwood township where he still lives. Farming has been his life work. Following his marriage he lived one year on the place later owned by James O. Warner, formerly a part of the original Eves holdings, the next year returning to his birthplace, where he has remained continuously since. Mr. Eves has been chosen to fill local public positions of responsibility, having served faithfully as school director and for twenty-two years in the town council, holding the latter position since the organization of the borough. One of the first councilmen elected when the town was incorporated as a borough, he has held the office continuously since that time with the exception of one year, when he was a school director. He was president of the town council for several years and holds that office at the present time. Mr. Eves adheres to the faith of his forefathers, holding membership in the Society of Friends.

On Jan. 11, 1872, Mr. Eves married Alice C. Mather, daughter of Jesse and Julia (Merrill) Mather, the former of whom died on his farm in Greenwood township; he was formerly a resident of Pottsville, Pa. Mrs. Eves's death, on March 4, 1911, was instantaneous, caused by a hemorrhage of the brain. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Eves, Marion E. dying in July, 1876, aged three years. J. Stanley, born Sept. 4, 1875, was married June 1, 1904, to Edith Haley, daughter of James Haley, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Eves died July 29, 1906, leaving one child, Marion Edith, born July 13, 1905. Mabel A. was born April 10, 1878. F. Henry, born June 30, 1884, resides at Oneonta, N. Y., and was married Nov. 29, 1905, to Annie L. Thorpe, daughter of Edward Thorpe; they have two children, Ethel M., born Dec. 17, 1906, and Edward T., Jr., born Jan. 22, 1909.

ALBERT WILLIAM DUY, an attorney at law of Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., was born at Chicago, Ill., June 13, 1868, a son of Judge George C. Duy.

The Duy family was founded in Pennsylvania when settlement was made at Germantown. Hon. Samuel B. Gookins, formerly a judge of the Supreme court of Indiana, was Mr. Duy's maternal grandfather.

Judge George C. Duy, father of Albert William Duy, was a distinguished jurist,

serving as judge of the district court in Vigo county, Ind., where he died in February, 1908. His children were: George G., Mary L., Lucy C., Albert William and Charles G.

Albert William Duy supplemented the primary instruction he received in the Chicago public schools with attendance at the Indianapolis high school and the classical and military academy of that city, from which he was graduated in 1885. In 1889 he came to Bloomsburg, Pa., and in 1893, deciding upon the legal profession, began studying to prepare himself for it by entering the law office of Ikeler & Ikeler. Having completed the required course of study, Mr. Duy passed his examinations and was admitted to the bar of Columbia county, Feb. 9, 1898, and has developed into the leading attorney of this section. He served as referee in bankruptcy from 1899 to 1903, in the United States District court. In 1902 he was elected district attorney of the county, and held that office for three years, being the first man to be elected to that office on the Republican ticket in this county, which averages a Democratic majority of 2,500. His conduct of this office was such as to reflect credit upon all parties concerned. From 1900 to 1906 he was chairman of the Republican county central committee and is a leader in his party. Recognizing the need for the existence of such an organization, Mr. Duy was instrumental in promoting and carrying on to a successful establishment the Columbia Power, Light & Railways Company, of which he is still a director, secretary and local attorney. He is also a director of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg, North Branch Furniture Company, North Branch Transit Company and the Silk Mill Company of Berwick, Pennsylvania.

On June 4, 1891, Mr. Duy was united in marriage with Elizabeth Kester, of Bloomsburg, and they are the parents of two children: Albert W., Jr., and Josephine V.

HON. WILLIAM W. SHANNON, formerly burgess of West Berwick, and now engaged as preliminary organizer for Dr. Henry W. Stough, whose evangelistic campaigns are famous, was born at Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., March 29, 1878, son of Charles W. and Margaret A. (Stephens) Shannon, and grandson of Richard Shannon and of William M. Stephens.

Richard Shannon, the grandfather, was an early settler in Columbia county, following farming in Centre township for a number of years, after which he moved to Berwick and



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for a time was in the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Courson, died at Berwick in advanced age, Mr. Shannon passing away Dec. 23, 1892, at the age of seventy-eight years. They are buried in Pine Grove cemetery.

Charles W. Shannon, son of Richard, was born Sept. 12, 1852, at Fowlerville, in Centre township, Columbia county, and learned the trade of carpenter, which he is still following as a contractor. He married Margaret Alice Stephens, who was born July 17, 1856, in Sugarloaf township, Columbia county, daughter of William M. and Mary Ann (Fritz) Stephens. Her father, born March 20, 1825, in Sullivan county, Pa., died in Berwick March 8, 1910. He was an early settler and farmer in Sugarloaf township, moving thence in 1867 to Berwick, where he farmed the next four years, and was subsequently employed by the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company for some time, retiring a number of years before his death because of ill health. His wife, Mary Ann (Fritz), born in Sugarloaf township May 2, 1831, died April 20, 1904. They were Methodists in religious belief.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Shannon reside on East Front street, Berwick. They have three sons: William W.; John E., born Aug. 22, 1879, a painter and paperhanger of West Berwick, who married Catherine Daubert, of Pine Grove, and has one child, Margaret Alice, born Sept. 10, 1904; and Ray H., born March 27, 1886, now parcel post clerk in the Berwick post office, who married Cordelia Schneider, of Berwick, and has one child, Wesley H.

William W. Shannon obtained his educational training in the Berwick public schools, after which he learned painting and paperhanging. In 1898 he went to Philadelphia, where he was employed for three years with the Edison Electric Light Company. After returning to Berwick in 1902 he established himself in business as a painting contractor, giving employment to thirty men, and continued this business enterprise until 1907, when he disposed of it. Since then he has, to a large extent, given his time and attention to public matters. After being elected a member of the council of West Berwick he served acceptably two terms of three years each, being president during his first term, and during this time was also county auditor. In 1911 he was appointed burgess of West Berwick, and served three years in that

capacity, completing an unexpired term. In his political views he is a Progressive Republican, was the first county chairman of the Washington Progressive party, and is a member of its State committee. He attended the National convention at Chicago as a delegate at large.

On May 31, 1898, Mr. Shannon was married to Loretta M. Stout, who was born at Summer Hill, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of John and Jane (Updegrove) Stout, and granddaughter of William and Polly Stout. They have a daughter, Hazel, born February 10, 1902.

William Stout, the grandfather of Mrs. Shannon, was one of the very early settlers in this part of the State. By trade he was a stonemason, and he must have been very competent, for he built the piers for the first bridge across the Susquehanna river at Berwick and also built some of the best residences in that place; he did the stone work for what was known as the "Cross Keys Hotel," which occupied the present site of the "Morton House." His widow, Mrs. Polly Stout, resides at Summer Hill, Columbia county. She is a venerable lady, now ninety-five years of age.

John Stout, father of Mrs. Shannon, is a resident of Berwick and an employee of the American Car and Foundry Company. He married Jane Updegrove, who died in 1907, while the family resided at Nescopeck, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Shannon is a member of the Lutheran Church and Mr. Shannon of the Evangelical Church. He is a member of the Independent Order of Americans, Reserve Council, No. 253, of Philadelphia; of Berwick Lodge of Odd Fellows, No. 246, and of the Encampment; and belongs also to the Grinders, a local organization at West Berwick.

PROF. HARLAN ROSCOE SNYDER, one of the best known educators of Columbia county, who for the last fourteen years has occupied the responsible position of supervising principal of the schools of West Berwick, is a native of Northumberland county. He was born at Hickory Corners, a son of Henry M. and Esther (Zartman) Snyder, and a grandson of Jonathan Snyder.

Jonathan Snyder was born in the southeastern part of Northampton county, Pa., and was one of the early settlers of Northumberland county. He settled in Upper Mahanoy township, twenty miles from civilization, where he cleared up a farm of 180 acres. The

Snyder family, of Pennsylvania-German descent, is widely distributed, and has given many wise and worthy men to the citizenship of the United States.

Henry M. Snyder, son of Jonathan and father of Professor Snyder, was born in Upper Mahanoy township, Northumberland Co., Pa., in 1851. After his school days, which were few in number, he learned the harnessmaker's trade. For the last twenty years he has been postmaster at Hickory Corners, Pa., where he is a leading man in the community and an authority, being a great reader and one of the best informed men in his section. He has the finest library in his part of the county. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and in politics a Democrat.

Henry M. Snyder married Esther Zartman, a daughter of Alexander Zartman and his wife, who were of German extraction, their parents moving from southern counties of the State to Rockefeller township, Northumberland county. To Henry M. Snyder and his wife the following children were born: Daniel J., at present head of the manual training department of the Bradford city schools, who was married to Elizabeth Byerly and to whom have been born two children, Esther and Clermont; Harlan Roscoe; and Palmer, Wilson, Susannah and Esther, all deceased.

Harlan Roscoe Snyder attended the public schools near Hickory Corners until graduated. Three summer terms were spent in the Dalmatia summer school. In 1898 he graduated from the regular teacher's course of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, which he attended for two years and one term. Since then Mr. Snyder has devoted himself exclusively to educational work. Two terms he taught in the public schools of Upper Mahanoy township and one term in Scott township. In 1901 he began his work in West Berwick, which was at that time part of Briarcreek township, and then had a population of about eight hundred, with 121 pupils. In 1902 West Berwick borough was incorporated and Mr. Snyder became head of the schools. Efficient, painstaking, energetic and progressive, he has brought the schools to a standard that gives them rank among the very best high schools of the State. Possessing the qualifications in scholarship that are a requisite, he has demonstrated executive ability in handling school affairs that has counted much for the progress made. Beloved by the pupils, he has won the respect

and appreciation of the people of the borough to an exceptional degree.

With a population increased from 800 to 5,500, school attendance has risen from 121 to 1,161 pupils, and to accommodate this large growth became a serious problem to all concerned in educational development. Mr. Snyder has seen with approbation, and has himself been greatly influential in the construction of three modern brick school buildings, at a cost of \$90,000, and the establishing by the board of education of a regular four-year course in the high school, from which students enter college. Mr. Snyder attributes much of his success to having an energetic board of education and an interested public back of him.

He has taught four summer terms at Benton, Pa., as instructor in history and civics, and in the meanwhile has taken several courses himself at Pennsylvania State College, the University of Michigan and Columbia University.

Mr. Snyder is a Lutheran in religion and a Democrat in politics. He has held several offices in West Berwick, having been appointed the first assessor of the borough and later elected to that position. Six years he served as auditor. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity, being a member of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M.; Royal Arch Chapter No. 218; Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T.; Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree; and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., and Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.

HARRY SLOAN BARTON, real estate and insurance man of Bloomsburg, is a native born citizen of that place and belongs to a family of long and honorable standing in Columbia county. It was founded here by his great-great-grandfather, Elisha Barton, whose father, Thomas Barton, was of English birth and came to the United States with two brothers early in the eighteenth century, he settling in Virginia, his brothers in Connecticut. In England he married Hannah Clark, a native of that country, daughter of Daniel Clark, and they were the parents of the following children: Daniel, Elisha, Theophilus, Roger, Undrel, Thomas, Clark, Amelia, Sarah, and Isabella. Amelia, the only daughter who married, became the wife of Abraham McMurtrie, lived in New Jersey, and had a large family, some of whose

descendants have made their homes in Columbia county.

Elisha Barton was born in Virginia June 21, 1742, and was first married in 1766, in Northampton county, Pa., to Mary Simon-ton, who died shortly after they moved to Northumberland county, Pa. She left one son, Thomas. On July 10, 1771, he married (second) Ann McCarty, who was born March 20, 1754, in New Jersey, of which State her mother, Mary (Paine), was also a native. Her father came from Ireland. About 1781 Mr. Barton brought his family to Columbia county, to what is now Hemlock township, locating near what is now the town of Bloomsburg, close to where McKelvy's mill was subsequently erected. Purchasing land on Fishing creek, he acquired a large, wide tract, extending lengthwise from the creek to the vicinity of Buckhorn, a distance of between three and four miles. The family lived in the wagon until their cabin was erected. Mr. Barton built what became known as the Red mill, at the foot of a hill and not far from Hemlock creek, and he and his wife continued to live on this land until the end of their days. His mill was one of the first mills erected in this region, and stood on the site where his great-grandson, Thomas J. Barton, had his mill many years later. Mr. Barton put in a wheat stone chopper and plaster grinders, and did the custom work for the farmers for many miles around. He also owned and cleared a large tract of land on the opposite side of the creek and there carried on farming, was active and energetic along various lines, and became one of the most prominent men of the county in his day. He served for a number of years as justice of the peace. Part of the large tract he owned was afterward found to be valuable ore land, and his son Caleb became quite wealthy from the proceeds. Mr. Barton's death occurred Nov. 12, 1816, and his wife died Jan. 11, 1823. They are buried in the Episcopal churchyard. He donated the lumber used in the erection of the first Episcopal church. A large family was born to his marriage with Ann McCarty, viz.: Mary, born Dec. 16, 1772, married in November, 1795, John Boone, and died Nov. 2, 1796, of hydrophobia; Amelia, born Oct. 2, 1774, died Sept. 15, 1796; Elisha, born Sept. 2, 1777, married March 22, 1806, Rachel Miller, and died Aug. 26, 1815; Isaiah was born June 21, 1780; Hannah, born May 25, 1783, married in January, 1801, James Boone, and died July 6, 1859, in Geneseo, Ill.; John, born May 10,

1785, married Feb. 15, 1816, May C. Kreider, and died May 23, 1856; Anna, born Jan. 6, 1788, married Dec. 13, 1821, Abraham Klotz, and died Jan. 30, 1864; Sarah, born May 2, 1790, died Sept. 12, 1796; Caleb, born Nov. 26, 1792, married in 1823 Mary Craig, and died Dec. 30, 1863; one died in infancy; Cyrus, born May 3, 1796, married in December, 1826, Catherine Brewer, and died March 8, 1862; Betsey, born Jan. 30, 1799, married Dec. 30, 1816, William Robison, and died June 9, 1877.

Isaiah Barton was born June 21, 1780, and died April 6, 1842. He followed farming until the year of his death, when he purchased the mill property, and after tearing down the mill erected by his father rebuilt it and also built the "White gristmill" (the latter taking water below the tailrace of the old mill), the one which was afterwards operated by Thomas J. Barton. He did a custom business, and found it very remunerative, the mill being well patronized, but he lived only a short time after its completion. On March 1, 1810, he married Mary Thornton, and they had a large family.

Caleb Barton, son of Isaiah and Mary (Thornton) Barton, was born Aug. 30, 1812, and passed his early life on the homestead place. He took charge of the farm while his father was looking out for the business at the mill, until the latter's death, when he became its owner and operated it successfully during his active years. He was also interested in agriculture all his life, and in 1855 built a handsome residence on his farm, one mile from Bloomsburg on the main road to Catawissa. Though he removed from this place in 1875, thereafter living retired at Bloomsburg, he continued to own it as well as his share in the mill. His death occurred Nov. 27, 1895, when he was eighty-four years old. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a Whig and Republican successively in politics. In February, 1836, Mr. Barton married Sarah Rupert, who was born Sept. 16, 1816, daughter of Peter and Catherine (Diehl) Rupert, and died Sept. 6, 1854, the mother of six children: Evelina B., born Feb. 6, 1837, married Dr. W. H. McReynolds, and died Aug. 31, 1909; Mary is deceased; Thomas J., born Sept. 28, 1840, married Henrietta Guild; Catherine B., born March 10, 1842, married Alfred Ale and resides in Warsaw, Ind.; Emma B., born May 24, 1844, married John Moore, is now a widow, and resides in Bloomsburg; Anna B., born Sept. 27, 1846, married Thomas Webb,



of Bloomsburg, and died Aug. 23, 1904. In February, 1862, Caleb Barton married Delilah Creveling.

Thomas J. Barton was born Sept. 28, 1840, at the old Barton homestead on West Main street, Bloomsburg, near where the pottery now stands, and was reared there. After reaching his majority he learned the trade of blacksmith, which he followed in Bloomsburg for eight years. He then returned to the homestead farm, where he carried on general farming for twenty years, or until 1895, when he purchased the old Barton mill property below the "Red Mill," and commenced to operate it as the Montour mill, after making many improvements, fitting it up with improved machinery and running it in an up-to-date manner until his retirement. He was considered one of the most progressive men in the county. In the fall of 1896 he built a fine residence at No. 603 West Main street, where he resided until his death, Nov. 25, 1913.

Mr. Barton served as a musician in the 6th Pennsylvania Reserves for thirteen months, and received his honorable discharge in 1862. After his return he was drafted into Company A, 171st Pennsylvania Militia, and served about eleven months, his regiment doing scout duty during that time.

On Oct. 18, 1862, Mr. Barton married Henrietta Guild, a daughter of Aaron Guild, of Hemlock township, and six children have blessed their union, namely: Edward L. married Annie Fowler, and has two of four children living, Mabel and James; Catherine died in infancy; Isaiah, of Bloomsburg, married Mary Oswell, and they have had eleven children: Caleb, formerly a miller, now engaged in trucking and the poultry business at Toledo, Ohio, married Margaret Boughton (they have no children); Harry Sloan is mentioned below; Maud, a graduate of the Bloomsburg high school, is now the wife of Oliver H. Watts and living at Millersburg, Pa. (they have two children, Oliver H. and Leroy B.).

Mr. Barton is a Republican in politics and in religious connection a member of the Episcopal Church.

Harry Sloan Barton was born Aug. 19, 1876, and received his education at Bloomsburg, attending public school and later the State Normal, from which he was graduated in 1896. After that he engaged in teaching for six years, two years in Hemlock township, Columbia county, and for four years as principal of the Fifth street school in Blooms-

burg. His next work was as bookkeeper for the American Electrical Light Company, at Bloomsburg, with which concern he remained for some time, leaving to become auditor for the Columbia Power, Light and Railways Company. This position he resigned Oct. 1, 1910, since when he has been engaged in the real estate and insurance business at Bloomsburg on his own account. He has his office in the First National Bank Building. He has been very successful in building up his business, and has made a substantial place for himself among the prosperous men of the town, where he has other important connections. He has served as a member of the school board, treasurer of the Republican county committee, librarian of the Columbia County Fair Association, and secretary of the Columbia County School Directors' Association. On Aug. 14, 1911, he was appointed notary public. In religious connection he is a member of the Methodist Church, and socially he holds membership in the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg (of which he is a past master), to Royal Arch Chapter No. 218, Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T., and Caldwell Consistory, S. P. R. S. (thirty-second degree). In May, 1912, Mr. Barton was elected captain of Company G, 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, and is now serving as such with Company L, 13th Regiment.

On June 12, 1901, Mr. Barton was married to Mabel Peacock, daughter of John and Thirma (Myers) Peacock, and they have three children, Dorothy, Robert and John.

PROF. HARRY GROZIER, of Berwick, Pa., a professor of music, was born in the city of Marseilles, France, June 18, 1842, son of John B. and Loretta (Consi) Grozier.

John B. Grozier was born at Marseilles, France, possessed musical talent of a high order, and for many years was a teacher there of the clarinet and violin. He married Loretta Consi, who was born in the same city, and afterwards engaged in the mercantile business. He and his wife died in France. He was at one time a cavalryman in the French army. Of the nine children in their family one died in infancy, the others being: Charles, who is now deceased; Adolph, also deceased; Marius, who became commander of a vessel sailing out of the harbor of New York; Harry; Julius, who is deceased; Armenia; Ailene, and Minnie.

Harry Grozier was only twelve years old when he came to America and for many years afterwards his life was one of thrilling incident and great adventure, although he has been a resident of Berwick for forty years and is known far and wide through the country as a master of the gentle and refining art and science of music. He set sail for the United States with Captain King, commander of a vessel from Elizabeth City, N. C. Captain King became so attached to the lad that after bringing his vessel safely to port at Elizabeth City he took out papers of adoption and placed the boy in school in that place, where he was a student for two years. From there he went to Norfolk, Va., where he secured a berth as cabin boy on the vessel "Honduras," under command of Captain Turner, and sailed from Norfolk to the West Indies. He remained on this vessel during three voyages, in the meanwhile touching at St. Thomas, Porto Rico and Boston. He next shipped on a fishing vessel on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, in which he remained for five months, going then to the Newfoundland banks for codfish. After one season he changed to a whaling vessel and for seven months was in North Atlantic waters, then returning south as far as Provincetown, Mass. At that point Mr. Grozier met Captain Cook and accompanied him to Boston, and from there went to New York and shipped on a vessel bound for Gibraltar, carrying a cargo of flour for the British government. From there he went to the island of Sicily and the city of Messina, Italy, and as war was then in progress there he was forced to remain for several months, when released returning to the United States, reaching Philadelphia in 1860. The following year he went to London, England, but afterwards returned to Philadelphia, where he went to work on the ship "Achilles," under command of Captain Gallagher shipping to London on this vessel for two trips and becoming second officer of the ship. Returning to Philadelphia in 1862, he then shipped on the "I. F. Chapman," a government transport under command of Captain Levenseller, and went to Cat Island, Miss., and from there to the mouth of the Mississippi river. All this time he was in the service of the United States. The ship next went to Pensacola bay and cruised there for eight months, returning at the end of that period to the Brooklyn navy yard, at New York. Mr. Grozier's next berth was on the "William Cummings" to Philadelphia, and from there he went to South Amer-

ica, spending some time at different ports and making short voyages to the West Indies. He was not yet tired of the sea, notwithstanding the many hardships of a sailor's life, and after returning to Philadelphia went on a merchant ship to St. Mary's river, in Florida. In a storm this ship went to pieces twelve miles off the coast of Georgia, and Mr. Grozier and his comrades lay for twelve days on the inhospitable island of Yackler, but finally, in two boats, all managed to reach Brunswick, Ga., going from there to Savannah and thence to New York.

After this almost fatal adventure Mr. Grozier gave up the sea and established his home in Harrisburg, Pa., where he placed himself under first-class musical instructors and thus cultivated his natural talents. Music has largely filled his life ever since, and he has won a reputation which extends over the entire State. Forty years ago he came to Berwick, the following year erecting the residence he has occupied ever since. He has taught pupils the mysteries of practically every known instrument, but probably takes more pleasure in arranging band and oratorio and orchestral music. He was the organizer and instructor of the well known Grozier Military Band of Berwick, which has taken many prizes for proficiency through this part of Pennsylvania, their performances reflecting great credit on their leader.

In 1861, at Harrisburg, Pa., Professor Grozier was married (first) to Susan W. Morton, who was born at Harrisburg, and died at Berwick in 1895. He was married (second) in 1901 to Susanna S. Dodson, of Hemlock Creek, Pa., who died in March, 1913. To the first marriage seventeen children were born, eight of whom survive: Etta, who is a resident of Berwick; Jennie, who is the wife of Oscar Huntsinger, living in Berwick; George, a business man of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Dora, who is the wife of Thomas Williams, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Lillian, married and living in California; Joshua, who lives at home; Charles, whose home is at Wilkes-Barre; and Edna, who resides in Philadelphia. No children were born to the second union.

CHARLES M. HARDER, postmaster at Catawissa, has had his official ability tested in various capacities in the borough, where he has a fine record of public service extending over a period of many years. The family has been settled at Catawissa since 1800, when Peter Harder, the first of this line in

America, settled here and opened a wheelwright and blacksmith shop. He died at Catawissa, but the date of his death is not known. He was a native of Holland, and it is supposed he first settled on the Hudson, above New York City, after his emigration to America.

Err Harder, son of Peter, was also a blacksmith, and ran his father's shop after the latter's death. He married Sarah Dunlap, a member of the Church of England, and he too became an Episcopalian. He died in Catawissa, and his wife dying soon afterwards, their son Washington, then but a youth, was left to follow the trade of his ancestors at the old stand.

Washington Harder was born at Catawissa, where he died in 1861. Learning the trade of wheelwright, he was engaged at that calling most of his life. His wife, Mary Myers (McAllister), of Catawissa, was like himself a native of Pennsylvania. She was of German extraction. One of their sons was Thomas Err.

Thomas Err Harder, son of Washington, was born December, 1843, in Catawissa township, Columbia county, and was brought up in the town, where he received his education. Having learned the trade of cabinet-maker, he followed it until ready to go into business on his own account. Starting moderately, he established his affairs on a substantial basis, and by 1883 his trade had increased to such an extent that in order to accommodate the steady growth he put up the four-story stone building (with basement and attic) at Catawissa in which he is still located, and which to this day is the largest and most substantial stone business block in Columbia county. It cost about fifteen thousand dollars. Mr. Harder's success is the result of thrifty management and unceasing attention to the wants of his patrons, and for over thirty years he has done a comprehensive business in various lines, dealing in furniture, and having a wide custom as an undertaker and embalmer. Some of the special furniture he sells is made on the premises, the manufacturing being carried on in the basement of the building, the rest being well stocked with homestead goods; his furniture stock is one of the largest in the State. Mr. Harder also does all kinds of painting. He has been one of the most successful merchants in the county, and though he has never taken any active part in public affairs has been considered one of its leading citizens,

one who has been an important factor in the local prosperity. Politically he has been a Republican. He belongs to the Reformed Church. Fraternally he is a member of the Masons, M. S. of A., and G. A. R. Post No. 170, being entitled to membership in the latter because of his services in the Civil war. In 1862 he enlisted in Company H, 132d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served nine months, during which time he took part in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, as well as other actions. Then he entered the 20th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment as second lieutenant, and was detached as sergeant major of his regiment, serving as such about three months during an emergency. He then enlisted in Company D, 3d Heavy Artillery, to which he was attached two years. He served in the front at Fort Spring Hill, and subsequently at Dutch Gap Canal, but was in no heavy engagements. Then he was on detached service as paymaster's clerk. He was in marches through Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and during the battle of Gettysburg his regiment was to the left, at Carlyle; General Smith commanded the division.

In January, 1873, Mr. Harder married Clara A. Hamlin, and they have had three children: Charles M.; Guy W., who married Josephine Lowenberger; and Pearl, wife of Charles M. Evans, of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

Charles M. Harder was born in November, 1874, in Catawissa, where he was reared and acquired his early education, later attending the Peirce business college, in Philadelphia. For a time he was in his father's store, and then for two years he was deputy register and recorder in the courthouse at Bloomsburg. Returning to his father's store, he was engaged there until he received his appointment as postmaster of Catawissa, Aug. 21, 1913, since when he has devoted himself to the duties of the office. When only twenty-six years old he became a member of the local board of school directors, and he has also filled other borough offices, in all of which he has given excellent satisfaction to all concerned.

Mr. Harder married Sarah E. Fox, daughter of Dr. J. T. Fox, of Catawissa, and they have one child, Catherine Fox Harder. Mr. Harder is a member of the Reformed Church, and his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

CLEWELL & CURRIN, leading druggists of Berwick, conduct one of the old established stands in that borough, being the successors of G. L. Reagan & Co. Except for one brief interruption Mr. Clewell has been associated with the business since he entered the Reagan store when fourteen years old, and the present partnership has existed since Aug. 1, 1899. At that time Clewell & Currin, both young men barely of age, bought the store, and their career has been marked by the steady advancement and business expansion of energetic, live merchants, typical spirits of the times. They have a wholesale and retail drug business, and conduct a Rexall store, of which there are five thousand in the United States. The Rexall Company manufactures rubber goods, stationery and pharmaceutical preparations, the main factory being at Boston, with branches in Chicago, New Orleans, Augusta (Ga.), St. Louis (Mo.), San Francisco, London, England. Besides carrying a complete line of general drugs and drug supplies, Clewell & Currin sell magazines and deal in stationery and similar merchandise most successfully handled by druggists in the smaller cities. Their goods are carefully selected, with a view of giving their patrons the advantage of choice from an up-to-date stock, which includes all the articles in regular demand, of dependable quality, as well as the new offerings of the trade. Some personal account of the two partners who have cooperated so successfully in the building up of this business will be of interest.

LAURENCE I. CLEWELL, born April 9, 1878, in Berwick, is a son of I. B. Clewell, and grandson of Henry Clewell. The grandfather was born in Evansville, Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., and early in life learned the tailor's trade, which he followed for a number of years. Later he became a farmer, following agricultural pursuits until his death. He had a family of thirteen children. The parents are buried in Pine Grove cemetery. Henry Clewell was a Democrat, but never active in politics. At one time a zealous member of the Evangelical Church at Evansville, he subsequently joined the church at Berwick.

I. B. Clewell, the father of Laurence I. Clewell, was born in Evansville, in Briarcreek township, and received his early education there, later attending the schools of Berwick. Being a man of progressive nature, he entered the Pennsylvania State College and took the dairy and butter making course, after

which he opened the creamery in Berwick which he conducted for many years. He sold out to his son Ernest when ready to retire. He married Lucinda Rhinard, daughter of Daniel Rhinard, both natives of Berwick, and the following children have been born to them: Ernest, Laurence I., Floyd and Grace (Mrs. N. W. Bloss). Mr. Clewell is a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and of Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A. Moral issues have always enlisted his sympathy and support. In politics he is a Prohibitionist. He is a very active member of Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, which he has served in all the church offices and as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Laurence I. Clewell was educated in the lower and high schools of Berwick. When he was fourteen years of age he entered the employ of Dr. G. L. Reagan & Co., with whom he learned the drug business. With the exception of two years spent in South Bethlehem, Pa., in the drug store of George W. Roland, he has been in the same store ever since. Having passed the State board examination, he is a registered pharmacist. Politically he is a Democrat, but not an active party worker. Socially he belongs to Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and to Berwick Lodge, No. 1138, B. P. O. Elks. His religious membership is with Christ Episcopal Church, which he is serving as a vestryman. He married Ella A. Currin, born Nov. 17, 1880, daughter of Rev. G. W. and Minnie R. (Willow) Currin, and they have two children: Rollin Earl, born April 6, 1899, and Marian Ruth, born Aug. 29, 1900.

PERCIVAL C. CURRIN was born June 15, 1876, in East Prospect, York Co., Pa., son of Rev. G. W. Currin, a minister of the United Evangelical Church. Rev. G. W. Currin was born in Cumberland county, Pa., May 15, 1845. When quite a young man he entered a Maryland regiment, and served two and a half years during the Civil war. After returning from the army he located in Bellefonte, Center Co., Pa., and then entered New Berlin College, and started his preparation for the ministry. Upon graduating he entered the service of the United Evangelical Church, and spent forty-four years in his sacred calling. For many years he has been a resident of Williamsport, Pa., and has served every church of his denomination in that city. He was instrumental in the building of one church and three parsonages. His wife, Minnie R. (Willow), born July 14, 1843, died May 28

1907. She is buried in Wildwood cemetery, Williamsport. The following children were born to this marriage: William C.; Maude, Mrs. Harvey Rearick; Percival C.; Elsie, who married Prof. Arthur Gilmore, of Williamsport; and Ella A., twin of Elsie, who married Laurence I. Clewell. Rev. Mr. Currin has been a Prohibitionist since 1876. Socially he holds membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows.

Percival C. Currin began his education in the schools of Williamsport, and also took a two years' course in the Bloomsburg State Normal School. During vacation times he prepared himself for his present business, working in drug stores at Williamsport. After leaving school he went to Bloomsburg and entered the drug store of J. H. Mercer, where he remained one and a half years and then returned to Williamsport. After two years in the store of E. A. Cornell he moved to Berwick, and with Mr. Clewell formed the present partnership. He was married to Grace Greenwood Evans, born Dec. 25, 1874, daughter of Francis and Jane (Lamon) Evans, and they have had one child, Jane Evans, born Aug. 18, 1908. Mr. Currin is a Democrat. Fraternally he is a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., Berwick; Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M.; Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T., Bloomsburg; and Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F. He is a director of the Berwick Building & Loan Association, and has been secretary of the Columbia Beneficial Association since its organization. In religion he is a Presbyterian, belonging to the First Church.

FRANKLIN A. WITMAN has been associated with several business enterprises during the thirty years and more of his residence in Berwick. Born at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, he received a common school education, and served a full apprenticeship in the pharmacy of the late Norman J. Hendershott, whose elegant establishment in Bloomsburg was well known in its day. Moving to Berwick about 1882, he took a position in the accounting department of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, in whose service he continued for fourteen years. During this time he was also the local manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company. For a number of years he has been connected with the Berwick Store Company, Limited, and its successor, the Berwick Store Company, as treasurer and secretary. He also is associated

with the Berwick Water Company in like capacity, and is a director of the Berwick National Bank.

Mr. Witman married Annie Bowman Freas, daughter of Henry C. and Dorothy A. (Bowman) Freas, of Berwick, Columbia county. Three children have been born to them, two of whom survive, viz.: Harold Ewing, a graduate of Williamsport Dickinson Seminary in 1909, and of Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Conn., class of 1913, and now a student in Drew Seminary, Madison, N. J.; and Edwin Henry, a graduate of Berwick high school, class of 1912, and Williamsport Dickinson Seminary, class of 1913, now (1915) a sophomore at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut.

Mr. Witman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; is a Mason, belonging to Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. and A. M., of Berwick, and Caldwell Consistory, at Bloomsburg; and also is a member of the Pennsylvania Society of New York.

GEORGE MARSHALL HUGHES is a resident of Bloomsburg and one of the prominent citizens of that borough, where he is familiarly known as "Farmer" Hughes; he continues to carry on the homestead farm, which property is included within the town limits. Mr. Hughes was born at Bloomsburg Sept. 28, 1858, son of Douglass Hughes.

The Hughes family was founded in this country by Isaiah and Henrietta (Tea) Hughes, great-grandparents of George M. Hughes, who came to the United States from County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1793. They lived in Douglassville, Berks Co., Pa., many years ago, coming thence to Columbia county, where they made their permanent home and died. They were members of the Society of Friends. Their children were: Mary (Polly), who died unmarried; Ann (Nancy), who died unmarried; Lydia, wife of Samuel Hartman; and George.

George Hughes, son of Isaiah, was born in Columbia county, Oct. 18, 1798, and died April 10, 1881, at Catawissa, where he made his home. He was a wheelwright, and followed that trade and the foundry business as well as chairmaking. On Feb. 1, 1823, he married Ann Harder, like himself a native of Columbia county, born March 31, 1803, daughter of Err and Sarah (Dunlap) Harder. She died Aug. 23, 1871, and is interred with her husband in Catawissa in what is now known as the Friends' burying ground. They were, however, members of the Methodist



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Church. Eight children were born to this couple, as follows: Harriet, Nov. 8, 1823 (died when four years old); Douglass, Dec. 27, 1825; Mayberry, July 21, 1828 (died unmarried); Marshall, March 28, 1830 (married Matilda Klutz, and died May 4, 1862); Ann Eliza, Feb. 29, 1832 (married Ransloe Boone); Marks Biddle, July 19, 1834 (died unmarried Oct. 14, 1859); Sarah, March 23, 1840 (married Dr. John Jacob Vastine, of Catawissa); Henriette, twin of Sarah (married Edward Smith).

Douglass Hughes, father of George M., was born Dec. 27, 1825, at Catawissa, and there learned the trades of chairmaking and painting with his father, with whom he remained, except for a year or two, until his removal to Bloomsburg in 1848. There he established himself in business, as a chairmaker and painter, on the southeast corner of Iron and Second streets, continuing thus for several years. In 1859 he bought a farm lying along the Susquehanna, one mile from Bloomsburg, whereon he made his home for twenty-three years. Returning to Bloomsburg in 1882, he bought a residence, and in 1884 purchased what was known as the Beidleman property, where he afterwards made his home until his death, Feb. 15, 1892. He is buried at Catawissa. On Sept. 27, 1849, Mr. Hughes married Matilda Baldy, who was born Aug. 16, 1826, at Catawissa, daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Fornwald) Baldy, of Catawissa, and she survives him, continuing to make her home at Bloomsburg. She is a member of the Methodist Church, which Mr. Hughes also attended. They had a family of three children: Clara Augusta, born March 15, 1852, married John Wagenseller, of Bloomsburg, Dec. 23, 1880, and died Dec. 27, 1891; Mary Rupert, born June 2, 1854, married Alfred T. Harman, of Catawissa, April 30, 1873, and died May 22, 1882; George Marshall was the only son.

George Marshall Hughes began his education in the public schools and later studied at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He passed his early years on his father's farm near the town, and in the spring of 1882 took charge of that place, which contains sixty-three acres of valuable land, under excellent cultivation. It is devoted to general farming, and Mr. Hughes is now giving all his attention to its operation. Mr. Hughes took the contract to build the foundation for the monument at Bloomsburg, and assisted in placing all the stones in that fine piece of work.

Though not a politician in the sense of

being an office seeker Mr. Hughes has taken some part in borough affairs, and has served three years in the town council. In 1908 he was candidate for the office of associate judge of Columbia county, and though defeated by Judge Krickbaum received a very creditable vote, the successful candidate having a majority of only thirty-one. He has the unqualified respect of all who know him. He is a Republican in his political preferences. He belongs to Coral Grange, and is a member of the Methodist Church.

On Jan. 27, 1881, Mr. Hughes was united in marriage with Rose Farnsworth, of Rupert, Columbia county, who was born Aug. 1, 1859, daughter of James T. and Hannah (Shellhamer) Farnsworth, the former of whom died in May, 1912, aged eighty-one years, at his home in Rupert, where he had lived for fifty years. In the old days of activity on the Pennsylvania canal he worked as a boat-builder at the Rupert dry dock, but was really a cabinetmaker by trade, and for many years was employed in the desk factory at Bloomsburg. He served as a Union soldier during the Civil war. A man of high character and keen sense of his responsibility as a citizen, he was always an influence for good in the community, and his death was regarded as a general loss. His wife died about five years ago, and Mr. Farnsworth thereafter lived with his daughter Fannie and granddaughter Miriam Sullivan. Five children survived him: Rose, Mrs. Hughes; Armine, Mrs. Schultz, of Philadelphia; Cora, Mrs. Hilliard, of Watontown; Clinton E., of Bloomsburg; and Miss Fannie, of Rupert. Mr. Farnsworth's funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Wagner and the Rupert Brotherhood.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have been born the following children: Hannah F., born Jan. 23, 1882, who died March 15, 1893; Tillie B., born Oct. 21, 1883; Mayberry, born Sept. 14, 1885, now a resident of Washington, D. C.; Fred D., born Feb. 22, 1891; and Florence W., born Oct. 28, 1893. The family home is on Normal Hill, Bloomsburg.

FRANK R. CLARK, M. D., physician and surgeon, of Berwick, Columbia county, was born in Northampton county, Pa., Jan. 28, 1865, son of Jonathan and Mary Ann (Favian) Clark.

Abraham Clark was a native of New Jersey, and became a national character, his name appearing as one of the signers of the Dec-



laration of Independence. His death occurred in his native State. One of his sons was Jeremiah Clark.

Jeremiah Clark, son of Abraham Clark, was born in New Jersey, where he died. When a boy of sixteen years he fought in the Revolutionary war. In his family was a son Richard.

Richard Clark, son of Jeremiah, was also a native of New Jersey, and there died. One of his sons was Jonathan Clark.

Jonathan Clark, son of Richard Clark and father of Dr. Clark, was born in New Jersey, whence he came to what is now Northampton county, Pa., locating at Uhlerstown, where he was employed by Peter Uhler for a number of years. Later he removed to Riegelsville, Pa., and he is now living at Easton, Pa., at the age of eighty-four years. He married a daughter of John Fabian, born in eastern Pennsylvania, who settled in Northampton county, and there spent the greater portion of his life. Three children were born to Jonathan Clark and his wife: J. Wilson, who is a resident of Los Angeles, Cal.; Forrest J., who is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, residing at Philadelphia; and Frank R.

Frank R. Clark, son of Jonathan Clark, was educated in the schools of his native place and the academy at Riegelsville, following which he taught school in Bucks county, Pa., for two terms. Then he entered Hahnemann Medical College, of Philadelphia, in 1888, being graduated therefrom in 1891. In the spring of that year he located at East Stroudsburg, Pa., but after three years came to Berwick, arriving here in the spring of 1894, and here he has since remained, being now one of the oldest practicing physicians of the place.

On Oct. 11, 1905, Dr. Clark was united in marriage with Martha Ann Focht, who was born at Pottsville, Pa., a daughter of James and Martha Ann (Evans) Focht, of Pottsville. Dr. Clark is a member of the Methodist Church, and active in its work. Fraternally he belongs to Berwick Lodge, I. O. O. F., and the Knights of Malta. Both as a man and as a physician Dr. Clark stands very high in the public estimation, and enjoys a large and lucrative practice, his patronage extending over a wide area.

FRANK BOMBOY, proprietor of the leading meat and vegetable market in Bloomsburg, Pa., was born in that town on Jan. 15,

1856, and is a son of Benjamin Bomboy, and a grandson of Henry Bomboy.

Henry Bomboy was born in Berks county, Pa., came to Columbia county, and later kept the tollgate at Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa. Returning to Columbia county, he made his home with his son Benjamin Bomboy until death claimed him. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of the old Reformed Lutheran Church at Bloomsburg, in the work of which religious body he had been very active, especially in giving his services as a singer, as he possessed a voice noted for its strength and power. Although twice married, all his children were born of his first wife, they being: Nathan; Abraham; Reuben; Benjamin; Phoebe, who married Isaac Johnston; Hannah, who married Robert Hagenbuch; Belle, who married Reese Fairman; and Polly, Mrs. Snyder.

Henry Bomboy had a brother, Jacob Bomboy, who lived at Espy, Columbia Co., Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Bomboy, son of Henry Bomboy, was born in Hemlock township, March 19, 1817, and was brought up in Columbia county. Early in life he learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for some years in Bloomsburg, and later went to farming in Hemlock township, one mile north of Buckhorn. In 1863 he bought the old Wagner farm of 113 acres, on which he lived until his death, March 19, 1884, at the age of sixty-seven years. His remains were buried in the Dutch Hill cemetery, Columbia county.

Benjamin Bomboy married Sarah Wagner, a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth (Betz) Wagner, and she died in June, 1911, the mother of the following children: Amelia, who married Austin Corell; Margaret, who married B. F. Foulk; Leonard R., who is mentioned at length below; Phoebe, who married Norman Sheep, both now deceased; Hannah, who married Isaiah Hartman, a son of Lawrence Hartman, of Hemlock township; Frank; and William G., who married Eleanor Foulk, and is deceased. Benjamin Bomboy was very active in the Dutch Hill Reformed Church, and was a member of the choir for many years as well as a Sunday school teacher, exerting a strong influence for good in his community and earning the confidence and esteem of all who ever came into contact with him.

LEONARD R. BOMBOY, one of the sons of Benjamin Bomboy, and a brother of Frank Bomboy, was born in Hemlock township, Columbia Co., Pa. When his country had need

of his services he enlisted in Company A, 171st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as a drummer boy, for service during the Civil war, and was in the army eleven months, going as a substitute for his father, Benjamin Bomboy. At present he is a carpenter and resides at Bloomsburg, belonging to the G. A. R. post of that city. Mr. Bomboy married Jane Betz, a daughter of George and Hannah (Heilman) Betz, and they have the following children: Maggie, who married William Weaver; and Nellie, who is married and resides at home.

Isaac Wagner, the maternal grandfather of Frank Bomboy, lived in Hemlock township, Columbia Co., Pa., near Buckhorn, where he died. His wife was Elizabeth Betz, and they had the following children: Isaac, Jr.; Abraham; David B.; Sarah, who married Benjamin Bomboy; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Latshaw; Margaret, who married Henry Lowder; and Annie, who married John Winner.

Frank Bomboy, son of Benjamin Bomboy, grew up on the farm in Hemlock township, attending the local schools. After assisting his father for some years in the work of the farm, Mr. Bomboy engaged with the School Furnishing Company of Bloomsburg, remaining with this concern for thirteen years. In 1897 Mr. Bomboy embarked in the meat business, buying his stand at the corner of Main and Jefferson streets, and has developed a fine trade drawn from all over the town. In 1913 he erected on that corner the Bomboy flats, a three-story building of tapestry brick in modern design. The two upper floors contain four apartments, fitted for the use of that number of families in the most up-to-date style and conveniences. The lower floor is used by Mr. Bomboy as a market and is the largest establishment of the kind in the town. In 1914 he installed an ammonia refrigerating machine for the cooling of meats in his immense refrigerator, the first machine of the kind in the town. It is operated by electricity. In the upbuilding of his trade Mr. Bomboy has been ably assisted by his son Paul, who has become familiar with the market business in all its branches.

On Dec. 18, 1879, Mr. Bomboy married Clara E. Hartman, daughter of Amos B. Hartman, and they have had these children: Paul, who married Belle Dent and has one child, Franklin; Geraldine, wife of Frank Rough, of Berwick, who has three children, Marion, Isabel and Robert Franklin; Percy,

who died when fourteen months old; and Ruth, who died at the age of sixteen.

Mr. Bomboy purchased a home on West Main street and has remodeled it into a handsome establishment. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and has served on the official board; belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and in politics is a Democrat. An excellent business man, he has done a thriving business for years, being the oldest marketman in the town, and his customers recognize his honesty and fairness by giving him their constant patronage.

The Hartman family is one of old standing and highly respected in Berks county. Members thereof settled in that county as early as 1727, locating north of Reading. Now, however, the Hartmans are scattered throughout Schuylkill, Columbia, Lycoming and other counties in that portion of Pennsylvania, as well as those lying in the middle section of the State.

John Hartman, the founder of the family in America, came here from the Rhine country, from Erbach, district of Odenwald, Germany, which is a mountainous region, located between the Main and Necker rivers, about thirty miles from Frankfort-on-the-Main. After arriving in this country he located in Exeter township, Berks county, Pa., where he reared his family. A brother of John Hartman, Jacob Hartman, also settled in Berks county, where he lived to be ninety years old. He was afflicted with blindness from childhood.

John Hartman, a son of John Hartman, was born in Berks county, Pa., and grew up there. A patriot, he enlisted for service during the American Revolution, becoming a private in Col. Jacob Weaver's company, 5th Battalion, this being the fourth company raised from Alsace township, Berks county. Many years after his war experience had ended, in 1800, John Hartman came to what is now Columbia county, settling two miles north of Buckhorn, where he took up land and lived one year. Then he moved to another farm a quarter of a mile away. He continued to live in this district, and when he died his remains were laid to rest in the old Lutheran cemetery at Bloomsburg. Of industrious, thrifty habits, he worked hard and saved his money and became a man of substance in his community. He and his wife reared their children carefully, viz.: John, George, Jacob, Adam, Charles, Joseph, Polly, Catherine (who married John Billick), and

Susan, all of whom grew to maturity and reared families.

George Hartman, a son of John Hartman, the founder of the family in Columbia county, was born in Berks county, and was eight years old when the family migration took place, so that he practically grew up in this locality. He always took a deep interest in its development and improvement. Reared on a farm, he spent his life in agricultural pursuits, becoming the owner of 250 acres of land in Hemlock township, which is now very valuable and owned by the Brobst family.

George Hartman ended his useful life in Buckhorn, dying at the home of his son Amos D., and is buried at New Columbia. He reached the age of eighty-three years before death claimed him. Marrying Margaret E. Fox, of Hemlock township, he had the following children: Charles, James, Washington, John, Philip, Elisha, Louis, Samuel, William, Amos D., Harris, Margaret E. (who married George Hartman), Catherine (who married George Steyer), and Phoebe E. (who married William Cox).

Amos D. Hartman, son of George Hartman, of Buckhorn, was born in Hemlock township, Columbia county, July 2, 1833, and after attending the local schools began learning the blacksmith's trade, when sixteen years old. After completing his apprenticeship he followed this trade all of his life at Buckhorn. He married Mahala Girton, a native of Columbia county, and they had children as follows: Frederick B.; Charles L.; Clara E., wife of Frank Bomboy; Flora, unmarried; Adelaide, wife of A. R. Henry (she has four children); John G., who married Susie George and has one son, Ira; Martha, wife of William Reifendifer, has nine children; and Harriet E., who died young.

FREDERICK B. HARTMAN, son of Amos D., was born Dec. 25, 1849, in Hemlock township, Columbia Co., Pa., and attended the schools at Buckhorn and then the Bloomsburg State Normal School. He learned the trade of blacksmith, but afterwards became a school teacher, teaching for two years at Bloomsburg and six years at other places. In 1870 he was married to Clara Driesbach, and they had three children: Mrs. R. F. Vanderslice, of Bloomsburg; Frank E. Hartman, for years a resident of the West; and Ralph C., married to Lilly Keller, and residing in Bloomsburg.

After the death of his first wife Mr. Hartman married Anna M. Sterner, of Bloomsburg, and they have had the following chil-

dren: Mrs. Bland Stenile, of Scranton, Pa.; Harry L., married and living at Lopez, Pa.; Stewart, a law student; Harriet, a high school teacher; Stella, a bookkeeper; Helen, a student at the Bloomsburg State Normal School; and Clifton, a student in the Bloomsburg high school.

Mr. Hartman moved from Buckhorn to Rupert, and from there to Bloomsburg, where he served two years as deputy postmaster. He was also member of the town council for four successive years, and school director nine years; was secretary of the Columbia County Fair Association for five years, and traveling salesman for Jack Keller for seven years. He then went with Creasy & Wells, lumber dealers of Bloomsburg, as bookkeeper and traveling salesman, and is now in the twenty-third year of his association with this enterprising concern.

Mr. Hartman is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., and a thirty-second degree member of Caldwell Consistory. He is also a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Protected Home Circle and Theta Castle, K. G. E. (charter member). For forty-four years he has been a member of the Methodist Church, member of its official board for forty-three years, choir leader for thirty-five years, and is now serving his twenty-seventh year as superintendent of the Sunday school of the Bloomsburg Methodist Episcopal Church. He is hale and hearty, and bids fair to live for a longer period than the allotted threescore and ten years.

CHARLES L. HARTMAN, a son of Amos D. Hartman, was born in Hemlock township, Dec. 16, 1853. Like other normal, healthy farmer boys he attended the local school and worked at blacksmithing with his father until he was fifteen years old. At that time he embarked in farming, and in 1880 bought a property of one hundred acres near Buckhorn.

Charles L. Hartman married Lucy A. Appelman, a daughter of Hiram and Mary Appelman. She died in October, 1913. Children as follows were born to this union: Nellie I., who died young; Mertha M., who married Webster Wright, of Bloomsburg; Mary P., who married Edward Faust, of Bloomsburg; Anna V., who married Richard Fruit, a farmer of Hemlock township; Kimber A., a graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, class of 1911, now principal of the Jerseytown high school, who married Ella Deighmiller; and Grace E., who is teaching

school at Buckhorn, also a graduate of the class of 1911 at the Bloomsburg State Normal.

Mr. Hartman is one of the valued members of the Methodist Church, in which he has held office, and he is now superintendent of the Sunday school, a position he has held for many years. Politically he is a Democrat, and has been constable, tax collector, overseer of the poor and assessor, displaying in the discharge of his public duties the same careful attention to detail which has marked his career in every relation of life.

Both the Hartman and Bomboy families have many excellent representatives, men and women who are fully sustaining the high reputation of the founders, and living up to the standards reared by those sturdy pioneers who lived and died as honorable, God-fearing people, to whom dishonesty was impossible, and loyalty to duty and country a matter of course. It is such people as these that make up the great backbone of the nation.

HENRY F. TRAUGH, a prominent citizen of Berwick, of which city he was chief burgess from 1897 until 1899, has been active here for many years both in business and as a public official. He was born at Foundryville, Columbia Co., Pa., Oct. 6, 1866, and is a son of Henry Traugh and grandson of Henry Traugh. The ancestors of the Traugh family on both sides came from Rhenish Prussia, Germany, to the United States and settled near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Henry Traugh, the grandfather of Henry F. Traugh, born in 1768 in Berks county, Pa., came to Berwick and made a permanent settlement in 1786. The family endured great hardships, as at that time provisions had to be brought to what was the frontier from Reading and Easton, and as there were no means of public transportation, and a large part of the country was little but a wilderness, the difficulties were many.

Mr. Traugh became a farmer in Columbia county, where he died December 10, 1834. He married Rachel Melick, who was born Oct. 10, 1789, and died Dec. 16, 1849.

Henry Traugh, son of Henry and father of Henry F. Traugh, was born in Briarcreek township, near Foundryville, Pa., Feb. 11, 1811, and died May 25, 1879. By trade he was a tanner. He was active in the Republican party and was widely known. He married Rachel Adams, a daughter of Abram and Julian Adams, who was born Nov. 18, 1833,

and died Aug. 11, 1906. They had six children: Hiram B., Henry F., George W., John A., Daniel A. (deceased) and Mary. The parents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, worthy people in every relation of life.

Henry F. Traugh attended the Market street school. It was the custom of many boys of his age to secure work in the summers in the wood car shop of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and in that way Henry F. Traugh profitably passed several vacations. William Stackhouse at that time was foreman. When sixteen years old he went into the machine shop of that department, where he continued until 1897, going then to the rolling mill, where on September 1st of that year he was made time-keeper. In March, 1899, he was placed in full charge of what was known as the little office, in April, 1900, being advanced to the auditing department in the general office. The local auditor was J. F. Long. Mr. Traugh was still further advanced as to responsibility, on Jan. 1, 1902, being transferred to the cashier's department. On March 1, 1911, he became paymaster, the office he still fills.

One of the active Republicans of Columbia county, Mr. Traugh exerts a large amount of influence and has served as borough auditor and as school director. As chief burgess of Berwick he administered the public affairs of the borough with honest efficiency and civic spirit.

Mr. Traugh was united in marriage with Minnie Mack, a daughter of Charles G. and Elizabeth (Scott) Mack, of Berwick, and they have two children: Fern Elizabeth, born Feb. 18, 1900; and Henry Mack, born May 15, 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Traugh are members of Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, and he is one of the official board and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He belongs to the P. O. S. of A. and to the Odd Fellows at Berwick.

DANIEL H. CREVELING has been engaged in the raising of truck at Bloomsburg for the last twelve years, and for nine years before he entered the business on his own account was with J. L. Dillon in a responsible capacity, so that the successful system in operation in his establishment is the outgrowth of long and valuable experience. He does a large business, shipping quantities of green truck daily to Sunbury, Pottsville and Wilkes-Barre, and has sixteen and a half acres of valuable land especially adapted to his needs

and cultivated according to the modern standards. In 1914 he added two greenhouses for carnations.

The Creveling family is one of old standing in Columbia county, the first settler of the name here being John Creveling, great-grandfather of Daniel H. Creveling. He was born in 1772 in New Jersey, and his wife Charity was born in 1774. Coming to this region a young married couple, they took up land just east of Bloomsburg, in what is now Scott township, and there remained to the close of their lives, Mr. Creveling dying in 1827, aged fifty-five years, his wife in 1858, at the age of eighty-four. They are buried in the Creveling cemetery at Almedia. They were members of the Society of Friends, and highly respected throughout this section, where they were well known. The famous "Creveling grape" was propagated by Mrs. Creveling, the original vine running over a large pear tree near her home. Among the children of John and Charity Creveling were: Andrew; Moore, who died at Espy, Pa.; Nelson, who died at Three Rivers, Mich.; and John, who died near Ashland, Ohio.

Andrew Creveling, grandfather of Daniel H. Creveling, was born in Scott township, near Bloomsburg, Jan. 22, 1806, and was a farmer, inheriting the old homestead. He owned three farms in all. Upon retiring from active work he moved to Light Street, where he died Sept. 1, 1886, and he is buried in the Creveling cemetery at Almedia, beside his first wife. She was Ann I. Henrie, daughter of Archibald and Sarah Henrie, and died in 1863, a member of the Episcopal Church, to which Mr. Creveling also belonged. She left a large family, of whom Sarah married Daniel Snyder; J. Harvey lives in Scott township, Columbia county; William P. is mentioned below; Delilah married Elisha Hagenbuch, of Centre township; Charity married Edward Sharret; Benson died in Scott township. The father's second marriage was to Mrs. Hikox, his third wife being Mrs. Harvey, his fourth Mrs. Fine. He was one of the active citizens of his day, taking part in public affairs, serving as captain and later as major in the State militia, and his enterprising and energetic disposition, and intelligent aid in all things affecting the public welfare, brought him into high favor and wide repute in his locality.

William P. Creveling was born in Scott township Nov. 29, 1838, was reared to farm life, and after his marriage engaged in farming on his own account in his native township. In 1900 he removed to Bloomsburg, where he

has since been living in retirement; he owns property there. His wife, Elizabeth, is a daughter of Hannah (Richard) Dietrich and granddaughter of Elias Dietrich. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Creveling: Alvin died when twenty-seven years old; Daniel H. is mentioned below; Edna married Samuel House, and lives at Middle Haddam, Conn.; Archibald died when twenty-six years old; Frank is a farmer at Cascade, Mont.; Harriet is at home; Ario has a sheep farm in Madison township, Columbia county; Bessie is teaching public school, and lives at home.

Daniel H. Creveling was born Nov. 12, 1865, in Scott township, Columbia county, and obtained all his early education in public school there, later having a term at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. Remaining with his father until sixteen years old, he spent the next four years with his uncle Harvey, and then took up the trade of blacksmith, at which he worked for two years, seven months. He then entered the employ of J. L. Dillon and has since been engaged in truck raising. During the nine years he was with Mr. Dillon he gained thorough familiarity with the florist and truck business, and was so trusted by Mr. Dillon that he acted as superintendent of his establishment until he went into business for himself in 1902. His trade has developed and expanded in a most encouraging degree, and he now has over twenty thousand feet of glass on his tract of sixteen and a half acres, all of which is utilized in the most approved manner. He makes a specialty of lettuce and all kinds of green truck, raised and handled according to up-to-date methods, and his shipments have increased yearly from the start, his patrons having found that he can be relied upon to give them the best products and service possible. Mr. Creveling erected the fine residence on his property in 1900, renting it out the first four years. He is an interested member of the Grange, and fraternally is connected with the P. O. S. of A. and the Masons (Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M.). He is a Lutheran in religion, and has served as elder of his church. Mr. Creveling votes independently.

In 1891 Mr. Creveling was married to Lyvera Holdren, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Karchner) Holdren, of Pine township, Columbia county. They have had two children: Eunice, born March 31, 1893, who has been an invalid all her life; and Elizabeth, born Jan. 3, 1913, named after both her grandmothers. Mr. and Mrs. Creveling have also reared Alta Applegate from the age of five

years; she is now seventeen, and attending high school at Bloomsburg.

FRANK R. KITCHEN, present burgess of Berwick and a justice of the peace, was born in that borough Nov. 10, 1857, a son of Oliver and Angeline (Johnson) Kitchen.

The Kitchens are of English origin and the family belonged to the nobility in England. The coat of arms: Per chevron argent and sa., three water bougets, counterchanged. Crest: An arm in armor embowed, issuing from a cloud in the sinister, holding a sword proper. William Kitchen, of Birmingham, became a Quaker, and renouncing his title came to America in the year 1682 on the ship "Welcome," with William Penn. He settled at Camden, N. J., where his son John was born. The latter married Jeanie Cameron and moved to Philadelphia, where their son Enoch (below) was born.

Enoch Kitchen, of the third generation in this country, worked as a tailor in Philadelphia. He married Jerusha Moore.

Amos Kitchen, son of Enoch, was born in Philadelphia, and in 1800 came to Danville, Pa., where he lived for many years, eventually moving to Berwick, where he died. All his life he was engaged at tailoring. He married Margaret Campbell, a native of Somerset, Pa., whose father, Alexander Campbell, was a Revolutionary soldier and also served in the war of 1812, losing his life in the latter conflict. Alexander Campbell's sister Anne married an Allison, and their daughter Nancy was the mother of the late President William McKinley. Both Amos Kitchen and his wife died at Berwick.

Oliver Kitchen, son of Amos, was born at Danville. Like his father he was a tailor, and carried on business as such at Berwick, where he died Feb. 9, 1900, while his widow, Angeline, survived until Jan. 4, 1906. They had two children, Frank R. and Jennie. Mrs. Angeline Kitchen was the second wife of Oliver Kitchen, who married first Mary Cuneas, and by this union also had two children: Margaret, who is deceased; and Annie, who is the widow of Louis Thornton, of Huntington, West Virginia.

Frank R. Kitchen attended the public schools of Berwick, and then clerked for two years in a mercantile establishment at Espy. Later he learned to be a molder and worked as such for twelve years, in the employ of the American Car. & Foundry Company. In 1892 Mr. Kitchen was elected a justice of the peace, and has continued to hold that office, and he

is also burgess of Berwick at present. Mr. Kitchen belongs to Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A., and is a past commander general of the order, and one of the highest officials in the United States. He also holds membership in the Berwick lodge of Red Men. In politics he is a Republican. A man of affairs, he gives considerable attention to public events, and stands very high in the estimation of his fellow townsmen.

JOSIAH H. GIGER, street commissioner of Bloomsburg, was born in Dutch Valley, Montour township, Columbia Co., Pa., June 10, 1854, son of John Giger and grandson of Daniel Giger.

Daniel Giger was born in Reading, Pa., in 1799, and was one of the early settlers of Columbia county. He bought a farm in what is now Montour township, and there died July 31, 1871, aged seventy-two years. His wife, whose name was Catherine, was born in 1803, and died March 24, 1870, aged sixty-seven years, and both are buried in Montour township. Their children were: John; Elias; Henry; Joseph, who is living in Centre township; William; Daniel; Mary, who married Lafayette Strausser; Elizabeth, widow of William Perry; Harriet; and Lavina.

John Giger was born in Reading, Pa., in 1823, and was brought by his parents to Columbia county, where he engaged in farming when old enough, becoming the owner of the tract of eighty-one acres on which he died April 7, 1868, aged forty-five years, seven months, nineteen days. Like his parents he is buried in the Lazarus cemetery in Montour township. John Giger married Barbara Frey, and they had these children: Isaiah, living in the "Panhandle" of Texas; Josiah H.; Angeline, who died when twenty-one years old; Maria, widow of E. W. Runyon, living in Bloomsburg; and Elmira, who married William Huntington, and is living on the old homestead in Montour township.

Josiah H. Giger attended the local schools, and was kept busy at home until he was twenty-two years old. He then began farming for himself in Montour township, but in 1882 came to Bloomsburg, where for twenty-three years and six months he was in the ice business. In 1905 he became street commissioner of Bloomsburg, and still holds that office, having been elected to same on the Democratic ticket. He has also served as a councilman, holding that office for five years. In 1910 he bought out the ice business owned by J. G. Quick and operated it for a year,

when he sold it to his son, William F. Giger, in order to devote all his attention to the duties of his office and his farm in Scott township, which contains 100 acres of land, with fourteen acres along the river.

Mr. Giger married Mary E. Edgar, a daughter of William Edgar, and they have four children: William Franklin, who married Bessie Boyer; Harry Elmer, who married Fannie Bert; Martha Elizabeth, who married Boyd Cadman, an automobile dealer, of Bloomsburg; and Laura Irene, who married I. L. John, an electrician, of New Castle, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Giger belongs to the Presbyterian Church, and is as popular in that organization as he is everywhere in Columbia county where he is known. For years he has belonged to the local lodge of Elks, and he is treasurer of the Liberty Fire Company.

JAMES N. MILLER, deceased, a former sheriff of Montour county, and for many years engaged in business as a general merchant at Washingtonville, was a native of Columbia county, Pa., born Sept. 6, 1824. He was one of the seven children of Philip Miller, a native of Pennsylvania of German descent, who resided many years in Columbia county. He married Frances Ready.

James N. Miller learned the trade of tanner, which he followed for a number of years. He first married Susanna Rishel, and after her death was united in marriage with Isabella G. Hilkert, and spent one year on the farm of his father-in-law, Mr. Hilkert. Then he went to Montandon, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he conducted a hotel for a short time, moving from there to Jerseytown, Columbia county, where he was also in the hotel business. A short time later he entered into a partnership with Albert Funston, in the general mercantile business, continuing in that line for a number of years. Dissolving the partnership, he returned to Washingtonville and resumed the general mercantile business there for a time. He also owned a farm of 125 acres, which he rented out. After a few years he sold his business and lived retired until 1876, in which year he was nominated and elected sheriff of Montour county, on the Democratic ticket. He entered upon the duties of the office Jan. 1, 1877, moving to Danville, and at the end of his term of three years moved back to Washingtonville, living there until 1882. That year he returned to Danville and opened a livery stable. His death occurred Jan. 21,

1903, when he was aged seventy-eight years, four months, fifteen days. He was a member of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church of Danville.

By his first marriage, to Susanna Rishel, daughter of John Rishel, Mr. Miller had one child, John, now a farmer at Washingtonville, who married Fietta Wagner. Mrs. Miller died in 1852. On March 3, 1857, Mr. Miller married (second) Isabella G. Hilkert, who was born Nov. 11, 1827, daughter of Samuel Hilkert and of German descent. She became the mother of one child, Susan Frances, wife of William Henry Andy, of Danville. Mrs. Isabella G. Miller passed away Dec. 22, 1877, aged fifty years, one month, eleven days.

WILLIAM HENRY ANDY, retired sergeant of the United States signal corps, now living at Danville, Pa., was born Dec. 13, 1852, at Frosty Valley, Montour Co., Pa., son of John and Eliza (Kesler) Andy.

John Andy, the father, was born Nov. 16, 1816, in what is now Montour county, Pa., and here followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life, dying March 9, 1909, at the age of nearly ninety-three years. He was a stanch Democrat in his political views, and a faithful member of the Lutheran Church. His wife, Eliza (Kesler), who died in 1897, aged seventy-nine years, was the daughter of John and Margaret Kesler, members of old pioneer Pennsylvania families. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Andy: Catherine Lucinda, living on the old homestead at Washingtonville, Pa.; Ellen and Franklin, who are both deceased; and William Henry.

William Henry Andy, son of John Andy, received his education in the district schools, attending the old Porter school in Derry township, and at Limestoneville, in Limestone township. His attendance covered several months during each winter, while his summers were devoted to assisting his father in the work of the farm. It was not the young man's intention, however, to devote his career to agricultural pursuits, and at the age of eighteen years he left the parental roof and came to Danville, where he took up the trade of plasterer. On Aug. 22, 1870, Mr. Andy entered upon his military career, enlisting at Toledo, Ohio, in the 15th Infantry, United States regular army, and continued to serve for five years at Fort Garland, Colo., and Fort Union, New Mexico. He was promoted to sergeant. On receiving his honorable dis-



*James N. Miller*





charge at the expiration of his term of service Mr. Andy returned to Washingtonville, Pa., and in the spring of 1876 was successful in securing a position as guard and drill instructor at the Centennial Exposition held at Philadelphia. When that famous exposition closed he enlisted in the marine corps, which he joined at the Brooklyn navy yard, for four years' service, and was assigned to the United States cruiser "Trenton," on which he served three years at European seaports. Returning to the United States he completed the period of his enlistment in shore duty at the Brooklyn navy yard. At the expiration of this term he reenlisted at Fort Hamilton, New York harbor, for an additional five years, in the 5th Regiment, Heavy Artillery, being stationed at Governors Island, New York Harbor, and Fortress Monroe, Va. Having served out his term of enlistment in the heavy artillery, he again reenlisted, this time in the United States signal corps, for a term of five years, remaining in that service until he became eligible for retirement. Upon entering the signal service, which formerly included among its duties the service now looked after by the weather bureau, he was assigned to St. Paul, Minn., and at the following stations in succession: La Crosse, Wis.; Marquette, Mich.; St. Vincent, Minn.; Sante Fe, N. Mex.; Fort Grant, Ariz.; and Los Angeles, Cal., where he reenlisted. Thereafter he was assigned to the following stations in the order mentioned: Fort Riley, Kans.; Fort Logan, Colo.; Denver, Colo.; Fort Yates, N. Dak., and at the outbreak of the Spanish American war he was sent to Tampa, Fla., and from there to the Philippine Islands, where he spent two years and three months. On his return to San Francisco he was in the hospital, and was retired from the service with three-fourths pay. He had served in all twenty-eight years, an allowance of two years being made for double service. At that time Mr. Andy returned to Danville, and for several years devoted his activities to looking after the farm which he inherited from his father, but which he subsequently sold. He is now leading a retired life.

On Dec. 13, 1902, Mr. Andy was married to Susan Frances Miller, a friend of former years, who was born Dec. 4, 1858, in Montour county, Pa., daughter of James N. and Isabella G. (Hilkert) Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Andy have had one child, Frances Isabella, born May 7, 1907. Their home is at No. 106 East Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and she has been active in its work, being a member of the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies and a teacher in the Sunday school. A Republican in his political views, Mr. Andy has been zealous in his support of the policies and candidates of his party, and is regarded as one of the wheelhorses of the organization in this section. He has been a good soldier and citizen, and richly merits the esteem in which he is held.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, contractor and paperhanger, and one of the leading citizens of West Berwick, was born Nov. 22, 1868, at McKees Half Falls, Snyder Co., Pa., son of Henry Newman, grandson of John Newman and great-grandson of Conrad Newman.

Conrad Newman was born in Ireland and emigrated to the United States, settling in Snyder county, where he farmed and became the owner of a large tract of land. He had two children. He was a Democrat, and a member of the United Brethren Church. He and his wife are buried in the Grubbin cemetery, in Chapman township, Snyder Co., Pennsylvania.

John Newman, the grandfather of John Henry, was born in Snyder county. By trade he was a cooper, manufacturing barrels, tubs, etc., and followed this calling all his life. He married Christiana Shaffer, and they had the following children: Jonathan, deceased, who married Lucinda Comfer; Thomas, who married Elizabeth Weiser; Henry; Elizabeth, deceased, who married John Schwartz; Mary, deceased; Harrison, who married Margaret Rine; James, deceased; and two that died in infancy. John Newman was a Democrat and a member of the United Brethren Church, in which both he and his wife were exceptionally active. They are buried in the Grubbin cemetery.

Henry Newman, father of John Henry, was born Sept. 2, 1842, in Chapman township, Snyder Co., Pa., where he was educated and where he learned the trade of shoemaker. For about thirty years he was a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal, and for three years was the owner of his own boat. He traveled the entire length of the canal, carrying coal principally. By his marriage to Julia Ann Reichenbach, who was born April 28, 1849, daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Longenecker) Reichenbach, farming people of Snyder county, he had the following children: Della, the

widow of Frank Cochran; Florence, the widow of George Atherton; John Henry; Thomas and Elizabeth, twins, the former marrying Hattie Benscoter and the latter Fred Krebs, Jr.; Albert, who married Fannie Kershner; Laura, who married William Drake; Charles; Margaret, who married Frank Leibfried; Cleveland, deceased; George; and two deceased in infancy. Mr. Newman has been a resident of Berwick for about eleven years. He is a Democrat, and an active member of the United Evangelical Church of West Berwick. Fraternally he is a member of Bloomsburg Council, No. 536, Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Mrs. Newman died July 24, 1913, and is buried in River View cemetery, Northumberland, Pennsylvania.

John Henry Newman received his education in Snyder county. His first occupation was that of boatman on the Pennsylvania canal, which he continued for eleven years, becoming captain of a boat. He traveled between Nanticoke, New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. Leaving the canal he followed contract work, building railroads, reservoirs, etc. After following this business three years he went to Northumberland, Pa., and entered the puddle mill of the Van Alen rolling mills, where he remained for a time, and then again became an employee of the Canal Company, having charge of the canal from Berwick to Catawissa. He was so engaged for about five years, making his home at Lime Ridge during that time. He then entered the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company, in the paint shop, under Col. A. D. Seely, for a short time. His next employer was W. F. Rough, of Berwick, with whom he learned the house painting and paperhanging trade. Upon the retirement of Mr. Rough he succeeded to the business, which he has developed greatly.

Mr. Newman was married to Eva Savina Erlsten, born March 20, 1874, a daughter of John and Sarah (Kluck) Erlsten. Mr. and Mrs. Newman have one child, Anna May, born April 18, 1894. She is a graduate of the Berwick high school, class of 1913, and now an employee of the Bell Telephone Company at Berwick. Mr. Newman is a Democrat, and has taken a very active interest in the public schools of West Berwick. He has served as president, vice president and secretary of the school board, and while the new high school was being built was secretary, as such having charge of the work. It is to his efforts that it was carried on with such success to com-

pletion. Formerly a member of the United Evangelical Church at Lime Ridge, where he held all the offices in the gift of that organization except class leader, Mr. Newman is now a member of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, where he has taken a very active interest in the Sunday school. He is the teacher of the Young Men's Bible Class, consisting of more than fifty students; he also taught the teacher's training class for two years. He is a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and of Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., of Berwick.

John Erlsten, the father of Mrs. Newman, was born May 3, 1812, in Northumberland county, and was a farmer of that section. He married Sarah Kluck, who was born Oct. 26, 1833, daughter of John Kluck, a farmer near Mount Pleasant Mills, Snyder county, and widow of Aaron Snyder. They had one child, Mrs. Newman. Mr. Erlsten was a Democrat and a member of the Baptist Church. He died Oct. 30, 1886, and his wife passed away Oct. 15, 1899. They are buried at Northumberland, Pa. John Kluck was one of the pioneers of Snyder county, using ox-teams and other crude means in the operation of his farm. He had four children: Peter, Sarah, Amelia, and Matilda. Politically he was a Democrat.

GIOVANNI BUCCI (JOHN BUSH), retired contractor and for some years proprietor of Bush's Quality Shop, at Bloomsburg, was born in the village of Capriati, Province of Salerno, Italy, Feb. 3, 1855. His father was an esquire of the village and held many offices of trust.

Michael Bucci, the father, married Matilda Feranta, also a native of the village, and their children were: (1) Giovanni. (2) Nicola Antonio married in Italy and had one son, Michael Bucci, who came to America and has since been entirely lost to his family; by his second marriage Nicola Antonio had another son, Ernesto, who married a Frenchwoman in Rhode Island. (3) Saverio married in Italy and had one daughter, Terasina. (4) Domenica married and has two daughters.

Giovanni Bucci came to America in 1874 and took a position on the West Shore railroad in the State of New York, remaining in the employ of that company until 1883. In that year he and his brother, Nicola Antonio, took the contract for the construction of the Beech Creek railroad, running into Lock Haven, Pa., which fully occupied their time until 1885.

On Dec. 23, 1883, Mr. Bucci married Maria Cesira Malfaiera, at Howard, Clinton Co., Pa., and in 1885 they moved to New York and entered into business. In 1887 they moved to Bloomsburg, Pa., where Mr. Bucci and his brothers, Nicola and Saverio, took the contract to build the Bloomsburg & Sullivan railroad. After the completion of the railroad the family resided for a time in Jamison City, where they built and operated a restaurant, but foreseeing the fate of that village Mr. Bucci sold out and established himself in the confectionery and ice cream business in Bloomsburg, which he has carried on with success ever since.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bucci have been born the following children: Pietro Giuseppi, born at Beech Creek, Clinton Co., Pa., Sept. 26, 1884; Matilda, born at Beech Creek, Pa., July 13, 1886; Artemisia Marguerite, born at Bloomsburg, Oct. 3, 1888; Matilda Josephine, born at Jamison City, Pa., Sept. 26, 1890; and Nazzareno Giovanni, born in Bloomsburg, March 17, 1892. Of this the first two are deceased. Artemisia and Matilda Josephine are graduates of the Bloomsburg State Normal School and teachers in New Jersey, while the son, John (Giovanni), also a graduate of the commercial and teacher's departments of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, has charge of the store and conducts a successful photographic supply business.

Mrs. Maria Cesira (Malfaiera) Bucci was born in the city of Fabriano, Province of Ancona, Italy. Her father, Nazzareno Malfaiera, was a famous railroad engineer and tunnel builder, having driven some of the noted tunnels of the Italian state railways. His father was Gioacchino Malfaiera, of French descent, and his mother was Maria Santa, a native of the city of Fabriano.

Mrs. Bucci's mother was Artemesia, daughter of Lorenzo Bartocci and Francesca Tizzoni, of Fabriano. Mr. Bartocci was superintendent of a large tannery in his native town for many years. His children were: (1) Marietta married Francesco Cristofanetti, a druggist in Rome, Italy, and has three children: Giovanni, a silversmith of marvelous ability in Portugal, who spent five years upon a single piece of work for the royal family; Luigi, a prominent lawyer of Rome, a Cavalier and president of the Roman Assembly; and Brunno, who is deceased. (2) Maria Santa is the wife of Guiseppi Cecchini, of Gubbio, Umbria province. (3) Santi is a wealthy tanner of Fabriano. (4) Romoulo is also a

tanner in Fabriano. (5) Artemesia became the mother of Mrs. Bucci.

Mr. and Mrs. Bucci, as well as all the members of their family, are devout members of St. Columba's Roman Catholic Church at Bloomsburg. The children are popular socially and give evidences of the careful home training they have received, while Mr. and Mrs. Bucci are received in the best circles of the town.

JULIUS C. KOONS, chief of the fire department of West Berwick, Columbia county, was born at Mauch Chunk, Pa., Feb. 14, 1862, son of Samuel Koons and grandson of Isaac Koons.

Isaac Koons was born in West Prussia, Germany, married Cecilia Kerstine, and both died in that country. He was a prosperous merchant. In religious faith he was a member of the German Reformed Church.

Samuel Koons, son of Isaac Koons, was born in West Prussia, Germany, July 13, 1805, and died in May, 1873. He was educated at Friedland, Germany, and in 1847 left his native land for the United States. Upon his arrival in the new country he located at East Mauch Chunk, Carbon Co., Pa., where he became a merchant and later an investor along numerous lines, developing into a very prosperous man. While he was a Democrat he sought no offices. A member of the German Reformed Church, he gave that body his loyal support, and fraternally he was an Odd Fellow. Samuel Koons married Henrietta Douce, a daughter of G. and Anette Douce, of Berlin, Germany. Mrs. Koons died May 29, 1891, the mother of the following children: Julius C., mentioned below; Paul; Philip, who married Christina Apgar and (second) Florence Kimbell; Hannah, who married Henry George; Rebecca, who married Alexander Donald; and Annette, Isaac and Joseph, all of whom died in childhood and are buried at Easton, Pa. Hannah is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Brooklyn, N. Y. Samuel Koons is buried at Easton, Pa., while the mother is interred at Freeland, Luzerne Co., Pennsylvania.

Julius C. Koons attended the common schools at Rockport, Carbon Co., Pa., and after finishing the courses therein clerked in his father's store, remaining with him for seven years. He then took a night course in mining engineering and for seventeen years followed that calling in his native county. Coming to West Berwick at the expiration of

this period, he entered the employ of the American Car & Foundry Company as car builder in the steel car department, which position he still holds. He is now serving his fifth term as chief of the fire department of West Berwick, and has been assistant State fire marshal, district of West Berwick, for three years. Politically he is a Progressive Republican. In religious faith he is a Methodist, and has been steward of the West Berwick Methodist Church. Fraternally he belongs to Berwick Council, No. 18, Protective Order of Beavers.

On Feb. 12, 1892, Julius C. Koons married Belle Van Horn, who was born Sept. 5, 1869, daughter of Joseph Evans Van Horn, and they have the following children: Leland Van Horn, born March 10, 1893, is in the stationery, confectionery, cigar and tobacco business in New York City; Joseph Clyde, born Jan. 6, 1896, died in childhood and is buried at Freeland, Pa.; and Philip Clarke, who was born Nov. 4, 1904, died in childhood, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery at Berwick.

Mrs. Belle (Van Horn) Koons, wife of Julius C. Koons, was born in Lansford, Carbon Co., Pa., Sept. 8, 1870, daughter of Joseph Evans and Mary (Canfield) Van Horn. She received her educational training in the common and high schools of Mauch Chunk, Pa., and after graduating therefrom went to New York City, where she taught in a kindergarten school with her sister, Mrs. Isaac Zane. Returning to Carbon county, she was married at Rockport, Pa., to Mr. Koons. Mrs. Koons is a Methodist and very prominent in church work.

Isaac Van Horn, grandfather of Mrs. Koons, was born at what is now Berwick, Pa., and died at Lansford, Pa., in 1860. He was educated at Berwick and worked with his father at farming. During the war of 1812 he served as a soldier and was wounded on the battlefield. Isaac Van Horn married Elizabeth Dodson, a daughter of Obadiah and Elizabeth Dodson, and the children born to them were: Abram, who married Olive Oberdorf; John, who married Mary St. Clair; Samuel; Rachel, who married James Conner; Thomas, who married Maria Lerch; Hannah, who married Henry Ebert; Merritt, who married Mary Bersch; Nathan, who married Anna Grayson; and Joseph Evans. Isaac Van Horn was a Methodist, and he espoused the doctrines of the newly formed Republican party prior to his death.

Joseph Evans Van Horn, son of Isaac Van Horn, and father of Mrs. Koons, was born

at Hemlock Creek, Luzerne Co., Pa., Nov. 16, 1816, and was educated in the common schools of his native place. When fifteen years old he went to Kingston, Pa., where he completed his educational training in the night schools, meanwhile working for a carpenter during the daytime. When he had completed his apprenticeship at carpentry he began contracting, removing to Montrose, Susquehanna Co., Pa., where he remained until after his marriage. After the war he went to Lansford, Pa. In 1846 he enlisted for service during the war with Mexico, in which he was wounded, and subsequently resumed his contracting business. His experiences in 1846 did not deter him from enlisting in the 81st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry for service during the Civil war, and he participated in the battles of Bull Run and Antietam, his horse being shot from under him at the latter engagement, where he was also injured. He was taken to the Buttonwood hospital at Philadelphia, where he was obliged to remain for three months, during which period his first enlistment expired and he reenlisted. At the close of the war he held the rank of captain by brevet.

In 1856 Mr. Van Horn moved to Lansford, Pa., and thence in 1870 to Mauch Chunk, where he remained until 1882. From there he went to Rockfort, at which place he resided until 1892, that year moving to Freeland, where Mrs. Van Horn died May 30, 1900. Mr. Van Horn died in Freeland, Jan. 11, 1902. He continued contracting throughout his active years, retiring about ten years before his death, and operated principally in Luzerne and Carbon counties, his work being especially on coal breakers and wooden bridges. He had the contract for the switch-back at Mauch Chunk, which was constructed under his supervision. The Republican party had in him an enthusiastic supporter. He was a valued comrade of the local post of the G. A. R., and enjoyed meeting there and at the encampments those with whom he was associated during the stirring days of the Civil war. The Methodist Church had in him a consistent member and an active worker as well, and he was in thorough sympathy with all of its good deeds. During his long and useful life he had many experiences which broadened him and made it possible for him to take a progressive interest in civic and religious matters.

On July 14, 1842, Joseph Evans Van Horn was married to Mary Leland Canfield, born July 13, 1824. Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn be-

came the parents of the following children: Josephine Burgess married Samuel Simpson, who is buried at Summit Hill, Pa.; Sarah, who died young, is buried at Lansford; Jasper Stansberry married Maria Wood, who is buried at Lansford; Mary Delphine, who married Douglas Solomon, lives at Allentown, Pa.; Emily Roosevelt, who married William Dodson, lives at Aldine Park, N. J.; Gilbert died in childhood; Cornelia Adelaide (deceased) married Isaac Zane and is buried at Lansford; Joseph Hewett, who married Jennie McIntire, is buried in what was Indian Territory; Alice married Alfred Tripp, who is buried at Mauch Chunk, and (second) George W. Wilson; Belle is Mrs. Julius C. Koons.

NOAH HELWIG, farmer, of Catawissa township, Columbia county, was born in Numidia, same county, April 27, 1873, son of John Helwig, and grandson of Elias Helwig.

Elias Helwig is remembered by some of the older people as one of the schoolmasters of Roaring Creek valley and Numidia. In addition to teaching he farmed, and he lived to be eighty-three years old. His remains are interred in the cemetery at Numidia. His children were: Solomon, who died at Elysburg, Pa.; Jacob; Susan, who married Jacob Walter; Livy A., who married Solomon Strausser; Elizabeth, who married Adam Bitner; and John.

Jacob Helwig, son of Elias, married Sallie Schiddesder, of Elysburg, Pa., and for over forty years has lived with his family at Rising City, Neb. He learned the trade of wheelwright with Stricker, of Catawissa, after which he was in a partnership at Shamokin for a few years, and then left for the West, where he took up his present business, at Rising City, Neb., as a wholesale dealer in machinery, of which he has made a success. He has two daughters: Bessie, who married Edward Hamilton, of Omaha, Neb., and Belle, who is married to Roy Thomas, and resides at Rising City.

John Helwig, son of Elias Helwig, was a resident of the vicinity of Numidia, where he owned a farm and followed agricultural pursuits, also working at blacksmithing, until he moved to Catawissa to engage in railroading. He was thus occupied for a quarter of a century. Still later he went to Gordon, afterwards resided at Taylorsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and for over a year has made his home with his son Noah in Catawissa township. John Helwig married Livey Zimmerman, and they had children as follows: Emma mar-

ried Clint Beaver; Beulah married Charles Boyer; Norman married Nettie Reider; Ezra is unmarried; Noah is mentioned below; Jacob married Sarah Worst; Clinton married Sarah Snyder and has two daughters, Bethia and Leah (he resides on a tract of three acres and helps his brother Noah farm, and he is a very industrious young man); Charles married Tillie Gross.

Noah Helwig received a public school education and has always been a farmer. For some time he was employed by John Waltz, of Catawissa township, but after two years bought the seventy-two acres of excellent land on which he now resides, and upon which he has made many desirable improvements. A man of enterprise, he has forged ahead and is recognized as one of the leading young farmers of his locality.

Noah Helwig married Dora Creasy, a daughter of Nathan and Susan (Kreigbaum) Creasy, and they have had two children: A son that died in infancy and Catherine Marie. Mr. Helwig is a Democrat and has served on the election board. He belongs to the Lutheran Church and the Grange, and is active in both.

WILLIAM MENSCH, now of Bloomsburg, formerly a farmer of Montour township, Columbia county, where for many years he served as justice of the peace, was born Jan. 6, 1865, in Catawissa, that county, son of John S. Mensch.

The Mensch family is an old one in this county, Johannes Christian Mensch, great-great-grandfather of John S., having founded it here over a century ago. He was a native of Germany, born Jan. 31, 1745, and his wife, Sabina, was born in that country Feb. 8, 1753. They came to this country accompanied by his brothers Adam (born June 2, 174—) and Abraham (born Feb. 25, 1750), and for a time lived in Berks county, Pa. Subsequently they brought their family to Columbia county, settling in what is now Franklin township, where they had a tract of 400 acres. Here Johannes Christian Mensch lived and died, his death occurring Oct. 26, 1826, when he was aged eighty-one years, eight months, twenty-six days; he is buried at Catawissa. His wife died June 10, 1829, aged seventy-six years, four months, two days. They had the following children: Adam became a farmer and miller of Roaringcreek township; Abraham, born Jan. 24, 1774, was a farmer in what is now Montour county for a while, afterwards moving to Buffalo valley, Union

county, where he owned about five hundred acres of land (his family still live in that section); John is mentioned below; Peter obtained part of his father's homestead in Columbia county, but later settled in Black Hole valley, in Lycoming county, Pa., where he followed farming until his death; one daughter, Mrs. Keiser, was married in Berks county and died there; Mrs. Rodenberger also married in Berks county and died there.

John Mensch, son of Johannes Christian, was born Nov. 5, 1789, in Berks county, and came to this section with his father. Inheriting part of the old homestead, he acquired the rest by purchase, and there passed his life. He was a prosperous farmer, and made many improvements on the place, including the erection of a fine large barn. He died in June, 1875, aged eighty-five years, six months, twenty-four days, and is buried at Catawissa. His wife, Catherine Heimback, born Oct. 16, 1796, died June 20, 1872, aged seventy-five years, eight months, four days. They had children: Sarah married Joseph Reitz and (second) Isaac Berger; Michael is mentioned below; Eliza married Charles Bitting; Jesse married Catherine Shultz; Christian married Margaret Cromeley; Maria married Washington Parr; William married Catherine Leiby; Abby married LaFayette Reitz; Catherine married John Sidler and (second) Jonathan Loarman.

Michael Mensch, born April 11, 1816, on the old homestead in Franklin township, became the owner of part of that place and followed farming. Later he purchased a small tract in the same township, to which he removed, remaining on that property until his death, which occurred Dec. 15, 1884. He was active in the affairs of the township, serving as school director and supervisor. His wife, Margaret (or Catherine) Shuman, daughter of John Shuman, was born May 9, 1816, and died Feb. 26, 1902. They are buried in Catawissa cemetery. They were the parents of five children: John S.; Thomas M., deceased; Catherine, Mrs. Owen; Clayton; and Matilda, Mrs. William Benninger.

John S. Mensch was reared upon the farm and attended public school in the locality. He remained at home until twenty-one years old, when he went west to Illinois, engaging in farming there. After a short stay he returned home and found employment driving a team in Bloomsburg for Boyd McKelvy. Then for two years he worked at home for his father, receiving fifty cents a day and his board, and at the end of this period began farming for

George Zarr, his wife's uncle, at Catawissa, being located there for five years. The next twelve years he farmed for Samuel Kastenbader, and about 1880 he bought the property in Montour township where he has since lived and worked. This was formerly the old Good homestead, and consists of 150 acres of good land lying along the Danville road about two and a half miles west of Bloomsburg. Mr. Mensch's buildings and equipments are up-to-date and in the best of condition, and he is engaged in general farming. He has not confined his activities to looking after his own interests, but has also helped to promote the public welfare in his vicinity. He has given his fellow citizens many years' service as school director and supervisor, still holding the latter office; he was formerly foreman of the State road in this district. He is a life member of the Agricultural Society, which he served one year as member of the executive committee and two years as president; and he is a prominent member of the Patrons of Husbandry, having been one of the charter members of Catawissa Grange, No. 22, for the good of which body he has labored faithfully. Politically he is a Democrat, in religious connection an Episcopalian, his wife also belonging to that church.

On Dec. 27, 1859, Mr. Mensch married Matilda Zarr, who was born Jan. 13, 1840, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Cleaver) Zarr, and they have had a family of thirteen children, namely: Flora, born Oct. 17, 1861, is at home; George, born Aug. 13, 1863, lives at Jersey Shore, Pa.; William, born Jan. 6, 1865, resides at Bloomsburg; Clara, born Sept. 20, 1866, married Winthrop Breyfogle; Daniel Z., born Aug. 19, 1818, is cashier of the Shick-shinny (Pa.) National Bank; John Harry, born July 8, 1870, conducts the hotel at Rupert, Columbia county; Margaret, born Feb. 17, 1872, married Clark Cleaver; Morris C. S., born Sept. 16, 1873, is now in Camden, N. J.; Charles, born April 16, 1875, lives at Rupert and is in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Company; Adda, born Jan. 5, 1877, married Emerson Fisher and lives at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Frank, born July 28, 1878, lives in Montour township; Guy, born Feb. 21, 1882, and Mayberry Hughes, born March 2, 1886, are at home.

William Mensch began his education in the public schools of Catawissa, and later attended the State Normal School at Bloomsburg. He became familiar with the details of farm work on the home place, remaining with his father until he commenced farming on his own ac-

count. Buying the old John G. Quick homestead in Montour township, consisting of 145 acres of valuable land, he lived there, engaged in general farming, until his removal to Bloomsburg in 1908. He has since been managing the farm in connection with his interests in that borough. Mr. Mensch is a thorough business man and possessed of more than the ordinary degree of intelligence and ability. When he was still a young man his fellow citizens of Montour township, in recognition of his fitness, elected him justice of the peace and he held the office for eighteen years. For fifteen years he was assessor of his township and for three years road supervisor. In every position to which he has been chosen he has performed his duties satisfactorily, and his sense of responsibility was evident in every action he took. He is a Democrat in political association. Socially Mr. Mensch belongs to Catawissa Aerie, No. 794, F. O. E.; Bloomsburg Lodge, No. 436, B. P. O. Elks; and Bloomsburg Grange, No. 322, P. O. H. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

On Nov. 1, 1888, Mr. Mensch married Minerva Elizabeth Quick, daughter of John G. and Sarah (Moyer) Quick, and they have three children: John Q., who is operating his father's farm, Howard B. and Hester C.

**QUICK.** The Quick family of Columbia county is of Scotch-Irish stock and has been planted in this country since Colonial days, the emigrant ancestor settling in New Jersey before the Revolution. His son, John Quick, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, enlisting from New Jersey, and about the close of that struggle located in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life. He died in February, 1824, and his wife Nancy (Hunnill) died in 1831, at the home of her son, John H. Quick, in Rupert.

John H. Quick was born in 1789 in Warren county, N. J., and passed most of his early life in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa. He was a shoemaker by trade. Moving to Montour township, Columbia Co., Pa., in 1831, he purchased a farm of 155 acres near Rupert, and there followed general farming the remainder of his life. He was one of the pioneers in that district, and he and his family had to face many of the privations of life in an unimproved region. His wife, Elizabeth (Moore), born in 1791, died in 1850. He died Jan. 29, 1852, aged sixty-two years, nine months, twelve days. They are buried in the Rosemont cemetery at Bloomsburg. The fol-

lowing children were born to this couple: William Grier, mentioned below; Rosetta, wife of Elias Dietrich; Mahala, wife of Lewis Barkley; Charles, who died in Iowa; John G., mentioned below; Sarah, who married Thomas J. Thornton; Hester, who married James Barton; Catherine, who died unmarried; and Susan, who died young.

**WILLIAM GRIER QUICK**, son of John H. Quick, was born Sept. 4, 1815, in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa., and was sixteen years old when he came to Rupert with his parents. In his earlier years he carried on farming with his father, from whom he also learned the shoemaker's trade. Later he tended the locks at Rupert for sixteen years, meantime working also at his trade, and he was superintendent on the Pennsylvania canal for a period of twenty-four years, becoming very well known in that connection. He was one of the prominent citizens of Rupert and that vicinity in his day, serving one term as commissioner of Columbia county, to which office he was elected in 1868, and also acting as township school director. In political connection he was a Democrat. He was a Mason, belonging to Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M., and also held membership in the I. O. O. F. Mr. Quick died March 2, 1879, aged sixty-three years, five months, and over twenty days, and was buried in Rosemont cemetery. He married Sarah McBride, daughter of William McBride, of Hemlock township, Columbia Co., Pa., and she survived him, passing away in December, 1887, aged seventy-three years, eleven months, nineteen days. They had the following children: William M., a resident of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, who is the father of the well known county prothonotary, Freeze Quick; Hugh D., who is living at Rupert; James, a blacksmith, of Rupert; John B., living in Bloomsburg; and George M.

**JOHN G. QUICK**, who was well known for many years as Squire Quick, was born Jan. 19, 1824, in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa., son of John H. Quick. He was a young child when his father moved to the farm in Montour township, near Rupert, upon which he passed his life, and was reared to farming, in which he was interested throughout his active years. He was a most progressive and enterprising man, ready to adopt and originate new methods for advancing the work which he carried on, and he served many years as secretary of the Farmers' Produce Exchange at Bloomsburg. In time he bought the old homestead, where he continued to re-



side until his death, which occurred May 3, 1890. He took a leading part in local affairs, serving twelve successive years as member of the township school board and secretary of that body, and for a period of twenty-five years he held the office of justice of the peace, in that time trying over five hundred cases. He was a Democrat in his political views. Fraternally he was a Mason, belonging to Catawissa Lodge, No. 349.

In 1853 Squire Quick married Sarah Moyer, daughter of John R. Moyer, who was born in 1798 in Philadelphia, and married Minerva Barkley, daughter of Iddings Barkley. To Mr. and Mrs. Quick was born one child, Minerva E., who is now the wife of William Mensch and owns the old Quick homestead near Rupert. Mrs. Quick died Nov. 15, 1908.

MARTIN H. SCHRAM, at present serving as associate judge of Montour county, is a resident of Danville and one of the well known business men of that place, where he has been located since May 1, 1876. Mr. Schram was born May 28, 1858, in Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa., son of Henry and Christina (Ploch) Schram, farming people, originally of Germany, who settled at Hazleton in the early forties. Henry Schram, the grandfather, was born in Schwartzerden, Rhine Prussia, Germany, and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Becker, was a native of the same place.

Henry Schram was employed in a brickyard at Hazleton. In 1860 the family came to Montour county, settling in West Hemlock township (at New Columbia), and a short time later removing to Valley township, where Mr. Schram found work in the ore mines. Thence he removed to Cooper township, Montour county, and purchased a farm, in 1864, making his home there for over forty years. The remainder of his life was spent in Mahoning township, Montour county. He died March 12, 1911, surviving his wife, who passed away Feb. 27, 1910. They had children as follows: Martin H.; Elizabeth, Mrs. George Hampel, of Atlantic, Iowa; Carolina, Mrs. Jacob Fish, of Danville, Pa.; William, of Mahoning township, Montour county, married to Savilla Cashner; and Frank, of Mahoning township, married to Alice Foust. Mrs. Schram's parents, Franz and Henrietta (Mohr) Ploch, were natives of Rhine Bavaria, the former born at Stauff, the latter at Simbach.

Martin H. Schram was a young child when the family came to Montour county, where he received his education in the public schools.

He was raised on the farm, and later worked two years in the ore mines. On May 1, 1876, he became a resident of Danville, and began an apprenticeship to the trade of blacksmith with the firm of Keely & Trumbower. In 1882 he engaged in business, selling tobacco and cigars, and he has not only succeeded in building up a good trade in that line but has added to the scope of his original lines, in April, 1911, putting in a line of hardware and sporting goods which proved very profitable. He is widely known and popular among all his acquaintances, and he has been associated with the life of the borough in various connections. For a number of years, until 1911, he was treasurer of the Danville school district, and in the latter year he was elected associate judge of Montour county, taking office Jan. 1, 1912, to serve for six years. The honor was well deserved, and Mr. Schram's conscientious devotion to his responsible duties has justified the confidence his fellow citizens showed in making him their choice. Fraternally he is a member of Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Danville Chapter, No. 239, R. A. M., of which he is past high priest; Calvary Commandery, No. 37, K. T., of which he is a past commander; Danville Lodge, No. 754, B. P. O. Elks; and a charter member of the local council of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. His religious connection is with the German Lutheran Church.

Mr. Schram was married March 22, 1882, to Elizabeth Schuster, of Danville, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Schroth) Schuster, the former of whom died July 2, 1881, the latter June 24, 1910. Mr. Schuster was a manufacturer and wholesaler of soft drinks.

WILLIAM STIFNAGLE, a representative citizen of Berwick, Pa., where he served as assistant chief Burgess and a member of the borough council for five years, was born in Columbia county, Pa., May 4, 1840, a son of Philip and Mary E. (Shiller) Stifnagle.

Philip Stifnagle was born in Bavaria, Germany, and by profession was a mineralogist. He served in the French army and was with Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo. In 1834 he came to America, and for a short time lived at Belvidere, N. J., going from there to Oxford Furnace for a limited period, and thence to the Lehigh valley and the Lehigh canal. Afterwards he worked at Tamaqua and also on what was then the Schuylkill (now the Reading) railroad. From there he went to what was then Denglertown, now Nu-



*Martin H. Schramm*



media, Pa., and subsequently to Danville, and found work also in the charcoal regions. When the Danville rolling mills were built he was employed therein, and his death occurred at Danville, Oct. 21, 1869. He was a member of the German Presbyterian Church. In Germany he married Mary E. Shiller, who was born at a place called Landau. Her parents died in Germany, and she and her three children came to America in 1837. She died at Danville, Pa., in 1880. There were seven children in the family: Barbara, the oldest, wife of Frank Stephens, now living at Scranton, Pa.; Mary, Elizabeth, Eliza, Catherine and Charles, all of whom are now deceased; and William. Charles married Mary Ann Lee, of Allentown.

William Stifnagle obtained his education in the schools of Danville. When he became old enough he entered the rolling mills there and was so engaged when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted for service from Danville in Company H, 93d Veteran Pennsylvania Infantry, under his own name of William Stifnagle, but the name became changed in enrolling to William Stephens, and as such he went through the war. His first enlistment in October, 1861, was for three years, but he was honorably discharged Dec. 31, 1863, as he was reenlisting Jan. 1, 1864, and he was finally discharged at Washington, D. C., June 27, 1865.

To name the battles in which Mr. Stifnagle took part is to recall very many of the most serious engagements of the whole war, and it is truly remarkable that he escaped with but one wound, which he received May 31, 1862, at the battle of Fair Oaks, on the left side of his face. He participated in the battle of Manassas, the siege of Yorktown, engagements at Chickahominy, the bottom bridge at Fair Oaks, the seven days before Richmond, Seven Pines, Malvern Hill, Chantilly, Harper's Ferry and Sandy Hook, when he was transferred to the 3d Brigade, 3d Division, 6th Corps, of the Army of the Potomac. Later he was transferred to the 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 6th Corps, in 1864. After this first change he took part in the battles of Fredericksburg, went all through what was called Burnside's campaign, saw active service at Chancellorsville, Salem Heights, Gettysburg, Frenchtown, Mine Run, Williamsburg, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, defense of Washington, Fort Stevens, Bunker Hill, Winchester, Fishers' Hill, Cedar Creek, Hatcher's Run, Fort Fisher, Petersburg, Burksville and Appomattox, going from there to Danville, Va.,

and then on to Washington, where he was mustered out. He has been interested in Grand Army affairs ever since the organization was effected and is a valued member of Jackson Post, No. 159, G. A. R., at Berwick, in which he holds office. Mr. Stifnagle has survived many of those who were his comrades on the battlefield and can tell of many brave deeds done by some who in the paths of peace never made any pretense of unusual valor. There are those also in the veteran gathering who can relate of occasions when Comrade "Stephens" led the company when it faced almost certain destruction. It would seem as if there was no organization more entitled to public regard than that grand old body, the Grand Army of the Republic.

On Nov. 3, 1872, William Stifnagle was married to Rebecca Fetterman, who was born at New Media, Pa., a daughter of Jonas and Mary (Barnager) Fetterman. The father was a farmer all his life in the vicinity of New Media. To Mr. and Mrs. Stifnagle five children have been born: The first three, George A., John F. and one that passed away in infancy, are all deceased; William H. is foreman of the drafting department of the American Car and Foundry Company; Mary Elizabeth is the wife of Lloyd F. Sult, of Berwick, now residing at Hazleton, Pennsylvania.

After the close of the war Mr. Stifnagle returned to Danville and resumed work in the rolling mills, remaining there until 1868, when he went to Northumberland, Pa., at which place he was similarly engaged. Afterwards he was at Reading, in 1870 returning to Danville and on May 31, 1875, coming to Berwick. Here he entered the employ of the Jackson Woodin Company, and continued with its successor after it had been absorbed by the American Car and Foundry Company, by which corporation he was employed until Dec. 24, 1912, when he retired from active work. He owns his substantial residence, which he has occupied for twenty-two years. Mr. Stifnagle is a member of Montour Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F., of Danville. Both he and wife belong to the Presbyterian Church, in which he is a deacon, and of which he has been treasurer for eighteen years.

HARVEY E. KNORR, of Centre township, Columbia county, was born there Feb. 23, 1864, son of Henry Jackson Knorr. He is a descendant of Leonard Knorr, a German pioneer, who early assisted in the clearing and settlement of Columbia county.

Leonard Knorr came from Germany in the year 1782, locating in Centre township, where he cleared land and established his home, and his descendants still reside here. His son Henry was also a farmer, and continued on the home farm until his death. He married Margaret Dieterich, and they had a large family, of which Henry D., grandfather of Harvey E., was one. John Knorr, a brother of Henry, also had a large family, one of his descendants being Mrs. Ann Hess, of Fishingcreek.

Henry D. Knorr was a tanner by trade, and followed this occupation for a number of years, but in later life devoted himself exclusively to farming. He married Sarah Kelchner, and they had only one child, Henry Jackson.

Henry Jackson Knorr was a farmer by occupation. He married Rebecca Herring, and they had ten children: Margaret, who died in infancy, being killed in 1853 by a runaway horse; James M., a builder of Berwick, who married Elizabeth Hagenbuch and had one child, Frank, deceased; John, a shoemaker, deceased, who married Mary Peeler and had four children; Clara, living in Centre township; Samuel M., who married Gertrude Rittenhouse and has three children; Harvey E.; Emma, residing at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; George, employed by the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick; Henry T.; and Elizabeth, who married Joseph Sitler, of Centre township, and has two children living and one dead.

Harvey E. Knorr obtained his education in the schools of Centre township, and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty years old. He then learned the trade of blacksmith with James Kelchner at Fowlerville, serving an apprenticeship of two years and one month. He then went to Holton, Jackson Co., Kans., where he followed the trade for nine months. Coming back East, he worked for James Wilcox, of Wilkes-Barre, for nine months, and then engaged in business for himself, in the old shop where he served his apprenticeship, remaining there for three years and nine months. On April 1, 1891, he moved to the farm he now occupies, in the fall of 1895 buying the place. It is a tract of eighty-four acres, of which seventy-five are cleared, and he now devotes all his efforts to its cultivation.

Mr. Knorr married Elizabeth Burket, daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Hewitt) Burket, and they have had five children: Blanche Anna, born Oct. 11, 1888; Herbert

Burket, born March 27, 1890, a teacher in the State of Indiana; Willa McNitt, born Nov. 16, 1892, who died in infancy; Harry Virgil, born Aug. 24, 1897; and Frank Crisman, born May 19, 1901. Mr. Knorr is a Democrat and has served for two years as a committeeman. For two years he was also a school director. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, under the General Synod, has been elder for four years, and is now president of the Bible class.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Burket) Knorr was born Feb. 18, 1863, in Nescopeck township, Luzerne county. She received her education in the schools of Roaringcreek township, Columbia county, and remained at home until her marriage. She is a member of the Lutheran Church, a teacher in the Sunday school, and is superintendent of the home department of the Sunday school.

Anthony Burket, great-grandfather of Mrs. Knorr, was an old resident of Berks county, Pa., where he worked as forgerman. He was a Roman Catholic, and he and his wife are buried in Berks county. He married Hannah Reifsneider, and they had three children: Joseph; Sophia, wife of John Rohrbach; and John.

John Burket followed the occupation of his father, that of forgerman, part of the time in Berks county, and later in life at Nescopeck. For a time he was employed at Dales Forge. He married Elizabeth Delhower, and their children were: Joseph, Anthony, Catherine, Lydia (wife of William Reichert), Augustus, Samuel, William, Henry and Annie (wife of Aaron Coverly). Mr. Burket and his wife were members of the Roman Catholic Church. He and his wife and all but two of their children were drowned in the great flood of the Susquehanna river, Sept. 2, 1850. He was then fifty years of age, and his remains are supposed to lie on the banks of the river. His wife is buried in Mifflinville, and the rest of the family in the Shaffer churchyard, in Mifflin township.

Henry Burket, father of Mrs. Knorr, is a retired farmer of Centre township. He was born Sept. 26, 1832, at Dales Forge, Nescopeck township, Luzerne county, and had limited educational opportunities, being obliged to go to work at an early age. He farmed during the greater part of his life, until about twenty-one years ago, when he gave up active labor, and retired. In Nescopeck he married Mary Ann Hewitt, who was born in 1832 and died at the age of fifty-three years; she is buried in the Brick Church cemetery. She was a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth

(Mostellor) Hewitt. Mr. and Mrs. Burket had the following children: Catherine, born March 1, 1855, died at the age of twenty-two; Elizabeth is Mrs. Knorr; Clara, born Sept. 9, 1866, married Virgil Crisman, of Scranton; Anna, born June 17, 1873, is at home; Alice died in infancy; Emily and Amelia, twins, died a week apart, when two years old. Mr. Burket is a Democrat and a member of the Briarcreek Grange. He attended the Brick Church (Lutheran), and was a collector in that congregation for several years.

JOHN B. DEWALD, postmaster and general merchant of White Hall, Montour county, was born Feb. 2, 1859, in Franklin township, Lycoming Co., Pa., son of Washington and Sarah (Ball) Dewald.

Washington Dewald was a native of Pennsylvania, where the family has been well known for many years, and during the greater part of his career followed farming and carpentry in the vicinity of Moreland township, in Lycoming county. He died there Dec. 25, 1888, at the age of sixty years, while his widow, also a native of Pennsylvania, still survives and makes her home in Anthony township.

John B. Dewald, son of Washington Dewald, was engaged in farming up to the time of his marriage, after which he came to White Hall and opened a small store. His original capital was but sixteen dollars, but his earnest, persistent and well directed efforts have resulted in the building up of a business that attracts a lucrative and representative trade from all over the surrounding country. In addition to managing this prosperous enterprise, Mr. Dewald is engaged in the huckstering business, carrying produce to market, and in this, as in his other ventures, he has been successful. He has the distinction of being one of the oldest postmasters in point of service in Montour county, having held his present position for more than thirty years. Such a service is in itself guaranty of a man's reliability, and Mr. Dewald is thoroughly deserving of the esteem and respect in which he is universally held.

In 1882 Mr. Dewald was married to Dora Frances Holdren, who was born at White Hall, Pa., March 14, 1861, daughter of George and Jelana (Crawford) Holdren, farming people of Anthony township, and granddaughter of Jacob and Phoebe (Troy) Crawford. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dewald, namely: Blanche married William Rishel, of Anthony township, and has five

children: Charles C. married Harriet Henderson and has two children; Pearl is the wife of Lloyd Confer, of White Hall; John Paul is residing at home; George Washington is a student at the normal school; his twin, Jelana, died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Dewald and their children are faithful members of the Methodist Church.

JESSE B. MESSERSMITH, farmer of Montour county, belongs to an old family first represented in Liberty township by his grandfather, Jesse Messersmith.

(According to the Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. V, Johann Hendrick Messerschmidt came over from Rotterdam on the ship "Johnson," of London, landing at Philadelphia Sept. 19, 1732.)

Jesse Messersmith was a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., son of Daniel Messersmith, who came from Germany when a boy and made his home in Schuylkill county. He was a lifelong farmer. His son Jesse was reared in Schuylkill county and came to what is now Montour county before his marriage, settling in Liberty township, where he farmed. Later he moved to Union county, this State, where he passed the remainder of his life. He died April 15, 1889, aged seventy-two years. Mr. Messersmith was a lifelong farmer. He married Carolina Boyer, daughter of Christopher Boyer, an old settler in Liberty township, and she died July 3, 1911. Four children were born to this union, Benjamin being the eldest; only one other survives, Mrs. Ellen W. Weikel, of Milton, Pennsylvania.

Benjamin Messersmith was born July 18, 1853, in Union county, Pa., where he was brought up, and after his school days were over he worked with his parents until twenty-one years old. After his father's death he lived on the home farm in Union county for four years, after which he settled in Limestone township, Montour county, for four years. The next four years he tenanted Gideon Shoop's farm in Liberty township, which then became the poor farm, and he operated it four years longer. In 1907 he came to his present place, buying the old Omstead farm of ninety acres in Liberty township. He is successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. Mr. Messersmith has always taken a public-spirited interest in public affairs, and he has served two terms as school director of Liberty township. Politically he is a Democrat. The Messersmiths formerly adhered to the faith of the Lutheran Church, but are now members of the Presbyterian Church at Mooresburg.

Mr. Messersmith was united in marriage to Margaret Ellen Chappell, who was born Dec. 26, 1850, in Union county, daughter of Stephen and Mary (Young) Chappell, residents of Union county, the former a native of New York State; he was a cooper by trade and also followed farming; he died at the age of sixty-seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Chappell had four children: Charles W. (of Jonestown, Columbia Co., Pa.), Jennie (wife of Oliver Dewire), James (of Lewisburg, Pa.) and Margaret Ellen (Mrs. Messersmith). Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Messersmith, only three of whom survive: Stephen Luther, born June 28, 1875; Jesse B.; and Jennie Alvesta, born July 11, 1883, married to David Paul, and living at New Columbia, Union Co., Pennsylvania.

Jesse B. Messersmith was born Jan. 14, 1877, in East Buffalo township, Union Co., Pa., and received an excellent common school education. After that he assisted with the farm work at home until his marriage, when he was twenty-five years old. Then he bought his present place of one hundred acres in Liberty township, engaging in general farming and stock raising. He is a young man of enterprising and industrious disposition, and has earned the respect of his neighbors and friends. In political matters he is a Democrat. He was reared in the Presbyterian Church, and he attends the Mooresburg Presbyterian Church, of which he is a member and treasurer.

FREEMAN WILSON FREY, of Catawissa, Pa., was born in Bradford county, Pa., Dec. 22, 1861, son of David H. Frey and grandson of David Frey. The latter was one of the pioneer agriculturists of Bradford county, Pa., where he died.

David H. Frey, son of David Frey, was born in Bradford county, Pa., where for many years he was employed as a trackman on the Pennsylvania & Reading railroad. He is now living retired with his son, F. W. Frey, at Catawissa, Pa. David H. Frey married Mary Moyer, a native of Bradford county, and their children besides Freeman W. were: Edward, who lives at Leighton, Pa.; Anna V.; Sarah B.; Emma; and Elizabeth.

Freeman Wilson Frey received his educational training in the common schools of Sullivan county, Pa., and until he was seventeen years old worked at farming. He then learned telegraphy at Dushore, Pa., and in 1880 was employed by the Pennsylvania & Reading Railway Company as an extra operator. After

being thus engaged eighteen months he was stationed at Catawissa as operator. A year later he was promoted to the position of train dispatcher, and held it for ten years. From 1887 to 1893 he was trainmaster, and was then made day yardmaster, which important position he filled until recently, being one of the most reliable men in the employ of the company.

Mr. Frey married Delia Barger, daughter of Gotlieb Barger, of Sullivan county, and she died in 1895, the mother of three children: Nettie G., unmarried, lives at home; Winnie A. married Charles S. Garly, Esq., of Elmira, N. Y.; James R. is a graduate of the local high school. Politically Mr. Frey is a Republican. He belongs to St. John's Lutheran Church of Catawissa, and is interested in its activities; while engaged in railroad work he joined the Relief Association and the Pennsylvania & Reading Veteran Association.

LEWIS S. PHILLIPS, of Rohrsburg, Columbia county, has been conducting a mill there for nine years. His experience in the business has extended practically throughout his life, as his father, the late Allen H. Phillips, was successfully engaged in the same line for many years. He is a great-grandson of Thomas Phillips, whose children were: Moses, Aaron, Robert, David, Thomas, Rachel, Mercy and Elizabeth. Of these, Thomas Phillips, the grandfather of Lewis S. Phillips, married Sarah Phillips, and of the children born to their union eight lived to maturity: Joseph, Allen H., Andrew J., Harrison, Almira, Rebecca, Eliza and Jane.

Allen H. Phillips was born Jan. 6, 1825, in Bucks county, Pa., and was fifteen years old when he went to learn milling with his uncle David, at Perryville, in Northampton county, Pa. He continued to follow the business from that time until his death, principally in Columbia and Montour counties. At various times he did business at Evers Grove, moving there the last time in 1883. He also carried on a farm in Madison township, and he died in that township, at Jerseytown. He was a prosperous business man, and held a respected position among his neighbors. In politics he was a Republican. In 1845 Mr. Phillips married Sarah E. Eves, and she died leaving three children, Milton, Thomas and Charles, of whom Milton was the only survivor in 1886; he was then a teacher in Simpson College, at Indianola, Iowa. By his second wife, Margaret (Schuyler), Mr. Phillips had five children: Alfred C., now deceased, who was a

physician at Booneville, Iowa; Thomas Lloyd, who is now farming in Greenwood township; Lewis S.; Samuel B., formerly a telegraph operator at Danville, now in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Newberry; and Ada M. After the mother of these children died Mr. Phillips married Rebecca Welsh, daughter of Isaac Welsh, and they had one child, Isaac, who worked on his father's farm. His fourth marriage was to a Mrs. Runyan, daughter of Daniel Welliver, and she survives him.

Lewis S. Phillips was born April 1, 1860, in Columbia county. He was given common school advantages and served his apprenticeship to the milling business with his father, with whom he worked for sixteen years. He was with him at Evers Grove for some time, and nine years ago he began business at his present location, where he has built up a profitable trade. He bears a reputation for honorable dealing and ability in the management of his affairs which places him among the reliable business men of his section and a worthy successor to his father, who was well and favorably known throughout this region.

Mr. Phillips was married March 25, 1884, to Rosa Seward, only child of William Seward, of Luzerne county; Mr. Seward was a builder. The only child born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, Ada, married Gay Larish, of Fishingcreek, Columbia county, who died in 1913, leaving two sons: Norman, born Jan. 30, 1909, and Joseph, born Jan. 28, 1910.

Mr. Phillips attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. In his political views he is a Republican.

**KARL P. REIFSNYDER**, member of the firm of John Waters & Co., druggists, of Catawissa, Pa., was born in that borough Oct. 22, 1883. His father, George W. Reifsnyder, was a prominent merchant of the town, and one of the best known and respected citizens of his day.

Benjamin Sharpless, great-grandfather of Karl P. Reifsnyder on the maternal side, was one of the company of Friends who settled in Schuylkill county in the days of the colonization of Pennsylvania. At an early date he came to Catawissa and was one of the founders of the Quaker Church in this section, being also a partner in the establishment of the paper mill, which he operated for a number of years. He died at the advanced age of ninety-four years.

George Reifsnyder, grandfather of Karl

P. Reifsnyder, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., in 1804, but remained there only a short period, moving to Perry county, and later to Columbia county, where he was engaged in mercantile pursuits for several years. He next moved to New Castle, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he also carried on a mercantile business. He married Harriet Sharpless, and this union was blessed with twelve children, the five who reached maturity being: Mrs. William Hartman, Mrs. E. S. Jackson (of Scranton, Pa.), George W., Mrs. Isaac Hartman (of Ontario, Canada) and Mrs. Charles Pearson (of Berlin, Ontario). The father of these died in 1856.

George W. Reifsnyder, father of Karl P., was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., March 24, 1848, and came to Catawissa at the age of nine, obtaining his education in the common schools of that town. At one time he was proprietor of the "Susquehanna Hotel," entering the mercantile business in 1882. In 1862 he enlisted in the State militia, and in January, 1864, in the 3d Pennsylvania Artillery, serving until 1865. For one year continuously he did picket duty, and the rest of the time served on detached duty; he served two years in the militia and regular service. He was the most noted pigeon shot in the county. In December, 1870, he married Anna Kostenbauder, by whom he had five children, three of them reaching maturity: Samuel, Leonard and Karl P. The father's death occurred Jan. 30, 1908, the mother's in 1906, and they are both interred in Greenwood cemetery, at Catawissa. He was a Lutheran in religious connection, a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the G. A. R.

Karl P. Reifsnyder obtained his early education in the public schools of Catawissa, graduating from the high school and also entering an institution at Asbury Park, N. J. He then entered the Medico-Chirurgical College, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1904. Returning to Catawissa in that year he entered the drug business, which he is successfully conducting at the present time.

Mr. Reifsnyder married Ella Robins, daughter of Dr. William B. Robins, of Catawissa. He is a member of Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M., of which he is past master; a member of Catawissa Chapter, No. 148; of the Council at Bloomsburg, and of Caldwell Consistory (thirty-second degree). He also belongs to Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Wilkes-Barre. He has been a director of the First National Bank of Catawissa since April, 1912. In politics he is a Republican.



MRS. SARAH ROWE, widow of John Rowe, of Danville, Montour Co., Pa., was born in Luzerne county, Pa., in 1864, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Santee) Bryfogle, farming people and old settlers of Luzerne county, Pennsylvania.

John Rowe was born in Luzerne county, Pa., son of Samuel Rowe, also a native of Luzerne county. The Rowe family is an old one in this State. John Rowe followed farming all his life on the old homestead, which has been in the Rowe family for a century. He died in 1906, aged fifty-five years. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Edith, who married Howard Lutz, of Struthers, Ohio, and has two children; Albert, who resided with his mother at Danville; and Richard W.

RICHARD W. ROWE was born in Luzerne county May 1, 1891, and after leaving school was employed as a coremaker by the American Car & Foundry Company for four years. He then brought his widowed mother to Danville from the homestead, and bought and conducted what is known as Wonderland, the first attraction of its kind at Danville. He has since moved to Nescopeck, Luzerne Co., Pa. The family were all reared in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

CHARLES HENRY SMITH, a well known business man of Berwick, conducting a plumbing, heating and tinning business in that borough and through the adjacent country, was born at Milton, Pa., Jan. 6, 1882, son of George W. and Lydia (Wenrick) Smith.

George W. Smith was born near Mordansville, Columbia Co., Pa., not far from Milton, and now resides at Milton, which has been his residence for about thirty years. He has been employed as a flagman on the Philadelphia & Reading road at Milton. He married Lydia Wenrick, and they had the following children: Kate; William, who married Mary Tilden; Ella, wife of George Weidenhammer; Charles Henry; Jacob, deceased, who was buried in the Milton cemetery; Mary, wife of Henry Keiser; Frank, married to Gertrude Roat; Nina, wife of Homer Tobias; and Daniel.

Charles Henry Smith attended both common and high school at Milton, after which he worked in the Godcharles nail factory in that city and afterwards in the Milton Manufacturing Company's works, in the bolt and nut department, of which he was foreman when only fifteen years of age. In 1898 he came to Berwick and entered the nut and bolt threading department of the Jackson &

Woodin Manufacturing Company, when James Hempstead was superintendent and John Heddings shop foreman. For six months Mr. Smith was night foreman there and then entered the machine shop of the American Car and Foundry Company, working in the bolt department for five years. Following this he was in the machine department of the steel plant, under Fred Stephenson and James Harry as superintendents, and was night foreman for eighteen months. In 1909 he left the American Car and Foundry Company and turned to his present line, in 1910 embarking in business for himself; he has prospered steadily.

Mr. Smith was married June 25, 1903, to Lois Umstead, a daughter of Henry and Martha (Gilger) Umstead, and they have three children: Ralph Leroy, born Sept. 28, 1904; Mildred Etta, born Dec. 29, 1905; and Jack Keith, born July 3, 1910. Mr. Smith and his family belong to the Baptist Church. In politics he votes according to his own judgment. He belongs to Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Odd Fellows.

Henry Umstead, father of Mrs. Smith, was born in April, 1854, at Washingtonville, Pa. Until 1890 he carried on a blacksmith business and then came to Berwick to work as a diemaker with the American Car and Foundry Company, under Joseph Hempstead, and still continues there. He had the following brothers and sisters: William, who married Emma Sitler; John, who married Jane Fleckenger; Oliver; and Etta (Mrs. Raver). Henry Umstead married Martha Gilger, and they have two surviving children: Lizzie, born Nov. 11, 1882, wife of Will Watts, has children, Lois, Clarence, Raymond and Beatrice Ruth; Lois is the wife of Charles Henry Smith. Etta, deceased, born Aug. 11, 1893, married Ed. Hulsinger and left a son, William.

Peter Gilger, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Smith, was born on a farm in Montour county, near Danville. He married Elizabeth Hiner, daughter of Christopher and Jane Hiner, natives of Ireland, and they had six children: Hannah is the wife of Aaron K. Yoder; Clara, deceased, who is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville, was the wife of Mason Brown; Martha married Henry Umstead; Sally married David Kron; Alice married Madison Krouse; William married Maggie Starks. The Umsteads belonged to the German Reformed Church. The father was a Democrat.

Christopher Hiner, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Smith, was nine years old when the

family came from Ireland and settled in Montour county. He was a farmer there. His wife, Jane Gibson, was born near Washingtonville, Pa., and they had the following children: William; Elizabeth, wife of Peter Gilger; John; Aleck, who married Elizabeth Crawford; Rebecca, wife of Joshua Willet; James; Isabella; Daniel; and David, who married May Wagner.

DANIEL REEDY, a retired contractor and brickmason of Berwick, Pa., was born in Columbia county, May 14, 1835, son of Peter and Leah (Clause) Reedy, both natives of Lehigh county, Pa., and of French-German descent.

Peter Reedy, father of Peter, emigrated from France and settled in Lehigh county, where he resided for several years. He was an evangelist, and preached in different parts of the county. Later he came to Columbia county and bought a farm on the Montour line, where he spent the remainder of his life.

Peter Reedy, father of Daniel, was a child when his parents moved to Columbia county. He learned the trade of carpenter and followed that occupation all of his life. He was hurt by a falling tree and died from his injuries in 1842. His wife, Leah, was a daughter of old settlers of Lehigh county. She died in September, 1893. Children as follows were born to this couple: Daniel, mentioned below; Jeremiah, a retired miller, residing at Three Rivers, Mich; Isaiah, who died on the old homestead; Eliza, wife of Hiram Kitchen, of Berwick, both deceased; Peter, a veteran of the Civil war, now a retired blacksmith of Berwick; Josiah, a veteran of the Civil war, deceased, and Mary, deceased. Peter Reedy and his wife were members of the Lutheran Church.

Daniel Reedy was but seven years old when his father died, so he was bound out to work for his board and clothes until his thirteenth year. After that he received a wage of three dollars a month until his fifteenth year, when he was raised to eight dollars. All the schooling he had was obtained at the little country schools, which he could attend only in the winter. For a time he drove a team, hauling iron ore to Danville, thus supporting his mother. In 1855 he went to Berwick to learn the stonemason's trade, in 1870 entering into partnership with David Baucher, in the contracting business. In 1879 this partnership was dissolved and he continued for himself until 1908, when he retired. During his ex-

perience as a contractor he built many of the finest buildings of Berwick, among them the Jackson block, the "Martin Hotel" and the "St. Charles Hotel," as well as all of the public schools, with but one exception. He erected many of the churches, including the Lutheran and the Methodist, and built part of the American Car and Foundry Company's plant.

Mr. Reedy married, Sept. 17, 1856, Martha J., daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Heavner, natives of Luzerne county, her father being one of the oldest boatmen on the Lehigh and Pennsylvania canals. To Mr. and Mrs. Reedy were born nine children, six of whom are living, viz.: Alice, widow of John D. Creasy, of Berwick; Lillie E., wife of S. A. Peck, residing in Northumberland county; John C., a brickmason, of Berwick; Harry K., deceased, who was a printer by trade; William J., a brickmason, of Berwick; Sadie, living at home; Daniel, a clerk in the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Harry R. and Jeremiah are deceased. Mr. Reedy is a Methodist and fraternally a Mason and Odd Fellow. He was made a Mason in Sylvania Lodge, of Shickshinny, Luzerne Co., Pa., and later was a charter member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., of Berwick; joined Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 18, R. A. M.; Mount Moriah Council, No. 10, R. & S. M.; Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T.; and Caldwell Consistory (thirty-second degree), A. A. S. R. (These last four bodies at Bloomsburg); and is a past grand of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.

Mr. Reedy has served on the school board and the borough council of Berwick, has been assessor, treasurer and tax collector, and is a member of the Berwick Fair Association.

JOHN W. E. SHEW, a papermaker and formerly a photographer, of Light Street, Columbia county, was born in Baltimore county, Md., April 1, 1874, son of James M. Shew, a prominent papermaker of Light Street, now deceased.

Joseph Shew, his grandfather, was born in London, England, and came to America in pioneer times, locating in Baltimore county, Md. He was a farmer and surveyor, and served as an emergency man in the war of 1812. He married Mary Shew, a native of Virginia, and they had four children: James M.; Henry; Jacob; and Mary, wife of Charles Heiser.

James M. Shew, father of John W. E., was born in Baltimore county, Sept. 9, 1831, and at the age of seven began to serve an appren-

ticeship in the paper mills of his home town. He remained in the Hoffman Mills for forty-four years, during which time he was promoted frequently, until he became manager of the four mills owned by the company. Upon the death of the proprietor and the reorganization of the plant he came to Scott township, Columbia Co., Pa., and purchased a half interest in the Trench Paper Mills in Fishingcreek township. For a time he was connected with these mills as part proprietor, but was persuaded to sell out his interest and return to the Baltimore Mills, which he managed for three and a half years, in 1892 returning to Bloomsburg to become sole owner of the paper mills of that town. He remained in Columbia county until his death, June 28, 1904, and was one of the prominent citizens of the community. He received the nomination for associate judge, but failed of election, although polling a large vote. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, having taken all the degrees, and was a delegate to the Denver meeting in 1892.

James M. Shew married, Feb. 6, 1852, Anna Mary, daughter of Lewis Fisher, of York county, Pa., and she died June 9, 1896, aged sixty years five months twenty-one days. They had eleven children: Sarah, who died at the age of seven; Margaret J., wife of Charles Yohey of Bloomsburg; George, who died in infancy; Lydia, wife of Robert J. Ruhl, of Bloomsburg; Rebecca, wife of John B. Kidd, residing in York county; Mary, wife of D. S. Richards; Josephine, wife of G. B. Smith, living in Scott township; Irene, wife of W. M. Ent, a merchant of Light Street; Phoebe, wife of Mark Creasy, residing in Chestertown, Md.; James U. M., now of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and John W. E. By his second wife, Etta Lee (McDowell), Mr. Shew had no children.

John W. E. Shew was educated in the Light Street public schools and soon after graduation took up the study of photography. He conducted an establishment at Bloomsburg, and later entered the paper mill of his father, where he is still working. He has a handsome home in Light Street and is devoted to the pleasant task of rearing his family, also taking much interest in the public improvements of his home town. On May 24, 1899, he married Edith B., daughter of John B. and Anna (Robison) Ammerman, and they have two children, Beatrice and Anna Belle. Mr. Shew and family are members of the Methodist Church.

John B. Ammerman, father of Mrs. Shew, was born March 21, 1834, and was a veteran

of the Civil war. He enlisted Feb. 27, 1861, for one year, in Company I, 104th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, but was not discharged until Aug. 25, 1865, at Portsmouth, Va. In early life he was employed by the Pennsylvania Canal Company, and later located at Light Street, where he followed shoemaking. He died Oct. 26, 1907, and was buried at Light Street. On Feb. 19, 1861, he married Anna Robison, who is still living in Light Street, and they had seven children: Rosella, deceased, who was the wife of Henry Dietrich; Ida, wife of Israel Peters; Oscar B., of Bloomsburg; May A., wife of William Deyer, of Milton, Pa.; William E., living in Illinois, who served two years in the Spanish-American war and saw service in the Philippines; Charles, of Milton, Pa., who served three years in the regular army, being in Cuba during the Spanish-American war; and Edith B., wife of John W. E. Shew.

JOHN R. M. CURRY, of Danville, member of the firm of Miller & Curry, dealers in scrap iron, is one of a family whose interests in the borough entitle them to be classed among its substantial citizens, whether in business or other lines. The Currys have been especially prominent in the iron manufacturing industry, which has brought considerable wealth to the community and made possible much of the advancement evidenced in the condition of the borough and the prosperity of its institutions.

Robert Curry, great-grandfather of John R. M. Curry, was one of the earliest settlers of this part of Pennsylvania. He was born in the North of Ireland June 9, 1741, and educated in the schools of his native country, where his father was a well-to-do linen manufacturer. He came to America in 1772, settling on Mahoning creek, in what is now Valley township, Montour Co., Pa., and there followed farming. He was killed and scalped by the Indians June 9, 1780. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief, served as trustee of the church, and was one of the first to give his money and influence toward the propagation of the gospel in these parts. He married Jane McWilliams in Belfast, Ireland, and four children were born to them: James, who was born in Ireland, grew to manhood and settled in Ohio; Robert, who settled on the north branch of the Susquehanna river; William, who settled on the home place in Valley township, Montour Co., Pa. (he married Jane Moore and they were the parents of Hon. James Curry, associate



*John R. M. Curry*



judge of the county); and Jane, the first white child born between the north and west branches of the Susquehanna river, who married Robert McWilliams. The sons were well-to-do farmers, noted for their honesty and integrity.

Robert Curry, son of Robert, was the grandfather of John R. M. Curry. Two of his daughters made their home in Danville; his son, Robert, lived in an adjoining county; his son Hugh in Michigan; and William in Kentucky.

Thomas Cousart Curry, son of Robert Curry, and a grandson of Robert Curry, the pioneer, was born in May, 1830, on the old homestead of his parents in Northumberland county, Pa. They were farming people. Thomas C. Curry came to Danville in 1849. He was a machinist by trade, and he became engaged in that line of business as a member of the firm of Cruikshank, Moyer & Co., owners of the property and business of the Enterprise Foundry & Machine Shops, on Ferry street, Danville, which they conducted for many years. After selling his interest in this concern Mr. Curry lived retired the rest of his days, dying in September, 1910, at the age of eighty years. He gave strict attention to his business affairs, but took the interest of a public-spirited citizen in the general welfare, and served as school director and member of the council. He married Phoebe Ellen Musselman, who was born in 1833, and died in February, 1906, aged seventy-three years. Of the children born to them seven survive, namely: Mrs. Elizabeth C. Fisher; Hugh C., of Riverside, Pa.; Edwin Adam; Thomas C., a machinist of Sunbury, Pa.; William M., an attorney, of Scranton, Pa.; John R. M.; and Ralph. The late Daniel M. Curry, of Danville (next younger than Hugh C.), a prominent iron manufacturer, was also one of the sons.

John R. M. Curry was born Oct. 31, 1873, in Danville, where he obtained his education in the public schools. When a youth he began clerking in a hardware store, and was so engaged for a period of fourteen years, after which he was associated with his brother Daniel in the iron business. In 1906, in company with Benjamin Miller, he formed the present firm of Miller & Curry, which has since done an extensive business dealing in scrap iron. The most important proportion of their business is drawn from the numerous industries in and around Danville, which use large quantities of iron, but they also purchase from plants hundreds of miles

away, and a large trade has been established. The yards in Danville are a block long and half a block deep. The members of the firm are men of excellent standing, and Mr. Curry especially has been prominent in local civil affairs, at present serving his second term as president of the borough council, to which office he was elected in 1911, and re-elected in 1913. He was elected a member of the council in 1909. He has been prominent in the Republican party, and in 1912 was elected county chairman, by the direct vote; he was elected a member of the State committee in 1913, and is still serving. Mr. Curry is well known in local fraternal organizations, being a thirty-second-degree Mason (and a Shriner) and a member of the B. P. O. Elks; he also belongs to the United Commercial Travelers. He is a member of St. Paul's M. E. Church, and served a number of years as a trustee of that organization.

In May, 1909, Mr. Curry married Mary A. Wetzel, of Danville, daughter of Edward S. and Elizabeth Wetzel. They have three children, Thomas Wetzel, Frances Isabelle and John, Jr. Mrs. Curry was formerly librarian at the Thomas Beaver Free Library in Danville. Her father, Edward S. Wetzel, a contractor and also engaged in the plumbing and steam fitting business, erected many of the best buildings in Danville and this part of the State. He died in February, 1909, and is buried in Fairview cemetery. His widow is living in Philadelphia.

HENRY T. KNORR, a prominent farmer of Briarcreek township, was born April 9, 1876, in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, and is a son of Henry Jackson Knorr and a grandson of Henry D. Knorr.

Leonard Knorr, the pioneer of this family, came from Germany in the year 1782 and located in Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., where he cleared land and established the old homestead.

Henry Knorr, son of Leonard, married Margaret Dietrich. He was also a farmer and prominent in the affairs of his native county. He was a member of the Reformed Church. His brother, John, also had a large family, one of his descendants being Mrs. Ann Hess, of Fishingcreek.

Henry D. Knorr, grandfather of Henry T. Knorr, was a tanner by trade, but later in life devoted himself exclusively to farming. He married Sarah Kelchner, and they had seven children: Henry Jackson; Samuel, de-

ceased; Eli M.; Francis, deceased; Wesley, deceased; Mary, and Margaret.

Henry Jackson Knorr died aged seventy-six years. He was a farmer by occupation. He married Rebecca Herring, and they had ten children: Margaret, who was killed in infancy, in 1853, by a runaway horse; James M., a builder of Berwick, who married Elizabeth Hagenbuch and had one child, Frank, deceased; John, deceased, who married Mary Peeler and had four children (he was a shoemaker); Clara, living in Centre township; Samuel M.; Harvey E., a farmer of Centre township, who married Elizabeth Burket, and has four children living, one deceased; Emma, residing at Wilkes-Barre; George, employed by the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick, who married Maude Strowbridge and has two children; Henry T.; and Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Sitler, a farmer of Centre township (they have two children living, one deceased). The parents are buried at the Brick Church in Briarcreek township.

Henry T. Knorr began his education in a school in Briarcreek township, although he lived in Centre township, the school nearest to him being in the other township, just across the line. After a time a schoolhouse was built in Centre township, and in the new building he received his last three years of instruction, leaving at the age of twenty. From then until his twenty-third year he worked on his father's farm, afterwards going to Berwick, where he was employed in the works of the American Car and Foundry Company one year at miscellaneous labor, four years in the blacksmith department and four years at truck building. He then returned to Briarcreek township and bought a farm of ninety-three acres, which he now resides upon and cultivates. Mr. Knorr is a Democrat and a member of the Borough Council, of the Jr. O. U. A. M., and affiliates with the Reformed Church; he has been treasurer of Zwingli Reformed Sunday school and Church, Berwick, for three years.

On Dec. 21, 1898, Mr. Knorr married Sarah Ellen, daughter of Lemuel and Alice (Kester) Harmon, of Salem township, Luzerne county, and children were born to them as follows: Ruth, Nov. 23, 1899; Edna, April 27, 1905; Florence, Oct. 10, 1906; Floyd, Feb. 19, 1909 (died July 10, 1911); and Freda, Dec. 12, 1910. Mrs. Knorr was educated in the Briarcreek township schools and in the Kelchner school, located about half a mile from where she now resides, and resided with her parents until her marriage. While a member of the

Reformed Church at Berwick she taught in the Sunday school and was a member of the Ladies' Aid Society. She and her husband are now members of St. Peter's Union Church in Briarcreek township.

Mrs. Henry T. Knorr was born in Salem township, April 24, 1878, daughter of Lemuel Harmon, and a granddaughter of Henry Harmon, who was born in 1817 and died Dec. 21, 1893. The father of Henry Harmon was a pioneer settler of Luzerne county, having emigrated from Germany to this State and built a home there. He is now laid at rest in the cemetery at Beach Grove.

Henry Harmon was educated in the common schools of Salem township and in his early manhood bought a tract of 175 acres, of which only half an acre was cleared. He proceeded to build a home and clear one hundred acres, where he carried on general farming and sheep raising. In the course of time he brought this farm into a high state of cultivation and erected comfortable and modern buildings, the place at the time of his death being considered one of the finest in the State. He married Caroline Douglas Freeman, and they had children: George, deceased, married and resided in Luzerne county; Elizabeth married Samuel Dodson, and lives in Luzerne county; Chester A. married Catherine Hess, deceased, of Berwick; Lemuel is mentioned below; Maggie married Benjamin Ridall and resides in Salem township, Luzerne county; Freeman married Tillie Michael, of Berwick; Clara E. married Charles Smith, of Beach Haven. During the latter part of his life Henry Harmon lived retired, while his son Freeman operated the farm. His wife died Dec. 8, 1910, aged about eighty-six, and she is buried with her husband in the Beach Grove cemetery, near Beach Haven, Luzerne county. Mr. Harmon was a Democrat, and served as a member of the board of supervisors. He attended the Reformed Church, in which he always took a warm interest, having been an elder and deacon for many years previous to his death. At his death his farm was sold.

Lemuel Harmon was born Aug. 15, 1856, educated in the public schools and the Walton school, near Walton's Hill, and worked for his father until his marriage, in 1877, to Alice Kester, who was born Dec. 4, 1858, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca Kester. By this marriage he had five children: Sarah Ellen, wife of Henry T. Knorr; William Herbert, who married Emma Hill, of Berwick; Clara E., who married Charles E. Pullen and lives on

the Harmon farm; Leonard Franklin and Leonard Charles, twins, are living in Berwick. After his marriage Mr. Harmon was a tenant farmer until 1903, when he bought a farm of ninety acres near Beach Haven, which his son-in-law is now operating. Lemuel Harmon is living with his brother, Chester A., at Berwick. He has always taken an active interest in the welfare of his chosen home, is a Democrat, and has served as school director of Luzerne county. He is a member of Berwick Council, No. 690, Jr. O. U. A. M., and with his wife is a member of the Daughters of Liberty, connected with that order. He is also a member of Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, of the Knights of Malta. For many years he and his wife have been connected with the Zwingli Reformed Church, which he is now serving as elder and trustee and superintendent of the men's Bible class, which has fifty members. He was the first superintendent of the Sunday school connected with this church, and assisted in the organization of a number of other schools, one in Luzerne county.

**BRUCE M. WHITE**, now proprietor of the Millville bus line, was born May 16, 1882, in Buffalo township, Union Co., Pa., son of William Pierce White and grandson of William White.

William White, born in 1803 near Millville, Columbia county, was a farmer of Scott township, that county, and was active until his death, in 1875. His children were: Abraham; Isaiah, who married Harriet Kirkendall, and lives at Light Street; John, who married Tacy Vanderslice, and lives at Nescopeck; William Pierce; Samantha, who married Peter A. Evans, and lives at Bloomsburg; Margaret, wife of Allen VanLeer, both deceased; and Loretta, who married Potter Howell, and lives at Light Street. Politically the father was a Democrat. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and he and his wife are buried in the cemetery attached to the church of that faith at Light Street.

William Pierce White, son of William White, was born in Orange township, Columbia Co., Pa., April 12, 1845, and was there reared, attending the schools of Orange township, Light Street, Scott township and Orangeville. After teaching school five years in Centre and Scott townships he went to farming in Buffalo valley, in Union county, on a tract of forty-one acres, where he remained for eighteen years. Selling that farm he moved to Centre township, Columbia county, where

he bought the tract of eighty-one acres known as the "Queen of Centre" farm, which he cultivated for four years, at the end of that time retiring and moving to Almedia, where he now resides. He turned over the management of the place to his son Newton, who is still operating it. Mr. White married Rebecca Creveling, a daughter of Cyrus and Matilda (Evans) Creveling, and they had these children: Albert F., who married Annie Smith, lives at Harrisburg; George C. married Elizabeth Hawley and lives in Nebraska; Margaret died when seven years old. The mother died and was buried at Light Street. William P. White married for his second wife Catherine Reichendeifer, a daughter of Joel and Susan (Kline) Reichendeifer, and the children of this union were: Laura, who died when nearly three years old; Bruce M.; Jennie E., who married Harry Wertman, of Centre township; Newton O., who married Margaret Englehart; and John W., who is unmarried. Politically Mr. White is a Democrat, and he has been school director, auditor, etc. The United Evangelical Church holds his membership.

Bruce M. White, son of William Pierce White, was reared in Buffalo township, where he attended school. Until he attained his majority he worked for his father, and then was engaged by the American Telegraph and Telephone Company as lineman, and did work in the States of Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia. After thirteen months with this company he came to Bloomsburg, where he engaged with the Columbia & Montour Electric Railway Company as conductor for one year. Mr. White then entered the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick, as electrical repairman, being thus occupied for eighteen months, when he came to Berwick and was with the Berwick Electric Light Company for two years. He then bought out the company and conducted the business on his own accord for a period of two years. Selling out, he became the head of the automobile department of the Berwick Store Company, and was so engaged until he became owner of the Millville bus line, which he bought of J. W. Wright, of Bloomsburg, Oct. 5, 1914. He is now devoting his time to its operation.

Bruce M. White married Lulu Dora Brobst, born June 1, 1879, daughter of Clinton Barton and Elizabeth (Shellhammer) Brobst, and they have one daughter, Elizabeth, who was born June 28, 1910. Mrs. White was born



at Lime Ridge, Columbia Co., Pa., where she was educated. She belongs to the Patriotic Order of Americans at Berwick. Mr. White is independent in politics. He belongs to Espy Lodge, No. 681, I. O. O. F., and the encampment connected with that order. The Methodist Church holds his membership and receives his support.

REUBEN H. SITLER, a farmer of Briar-creek township, was born in Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., May 31, 1833, son of Jacob and Mary (Hagenbuch) Sitler.

Simon Sitler, the grandfather, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and from there came to Columbia county and settled in Centre township. He married a Hill, and they are buried at Hilday Church.

Jacob Sitler, the father, was born in Centre township, Columbia county. Moving to Briar-creek township, he ran a hotel for a while, and then bought the property that Reuben now owns, following farming. He died there aged sixty-nine years. He married Mary Hagenbuch, who was also born in Centre township, a daughter of Simon Hagenbuch, and they had the following children: Reuben H. is mentioned below; Emanuel, of Light Street, Columbia county, married Maria Kisser, who is deceased; Savilla, married Adam Sult and both are deceased; Senia, of Luzerne county, is the widow of Reuben Warner; Almira, married Enos Stout and both are deceased. Jacob Sitler and his wife are buried at the Brick Church in Briarcreek township.

Reuben H. Sitler grew up on his father's farm and obtained his education in the district schools, but though his opportunities included attendance only for two months each year, he became competent to teach, having been engaged at the Brick schoolhouse in Briarcreek township. Farming has engaged his attention all his life. He is a Democrat in his political views, has been quite prominent in local matters, and has frequently been selected by his fellow citizens to serve in public office. For eleven years he acted as overseer of the poor; for nine years as auditor; for nine years also as supervisor, and for thirty-five years he has been roadmaster, still holding that office.

Mr. Sitler was married (first) to Mary Wright, who died of consumption six years later, leaving three children: Alice married Levi Evans, who is with the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick, and they have five children; Ida C., who married Loring Hartman, a rolling mill employee, died

at Pittsburg, of consumption, leaving one child; Cyrus died in infancy.

Mr. Sitler's second marriage, March 9, 1865, was to Sarah Clewell, who was born Jan. 3, 1843, a daughter of Jacob and Eliza (Brobst) Clewell, farming people near Catawissa, Pa., and ten children came to this union, namely: Emma married David Whitmire, a resident of North Berwick, who is with the American Car and Foundry Company, and has one son, William; Charles died in infancy; Clara is the wife of Clem Fenstermacher, who is employed by the American Car and Foundry Company and lives in North Berwick; and they have four children, Nellie, Paul, Cora and Randall; Worrell, who married Carrie Mitchell, died at the age of thirty-two years, and is survived by his wife and two children, Leanna and Worleth; Anna E. married Henry Nelk, a merchant of Hazleton, Pa., and they have had six children, Bessie, Harry, Esther, Minnie (deceased), Hazel and Robert; James S. died at the age of fifteen years; Ellen May is the wife of Charles Bower who is with the American Car and Foundry Company, and lives in North Berwick, and they have four children, Russell, Roland, Floyd and Paul; Bruce S., who is with the American Car and Foundry Company, living at North Berwick, Pa., married Ruth Bittenbender; David A. died at the age of thirteen years; Bertha Florence is the wife of Warren Bower, a farmer of Briarcreek township, and they have had two children, George Reuben and Walter, the latter dying in 1913 at the age of four years.

Mr. Sitler and his family belong to the Briar Creek Lutheran Church.

R. ORVAL BOWER, a shoe merchant of Berwick, Columbia county, was born July 29, 1876, son of Joseph H. and Mary Katherine (Miller) Bower, and grandson of John Bower.

John Bower was one of the pioneers of Columbia county, and died here. He was a farmer all his life.

Joseph H. Bower was born Dec. 25, 1848, in Columbia county, Pa., and like his father was a farmer from boyhood. He is now engaged in operating a valuable property in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa. His wife was born Feb. 19, 1849, a daughter of Reuben Miller, one of the pioneers of Columbia county, who made his home at Foundryville, where he operated a gristmill and also a distillery. He owned the farm now conducted by Joseph H. Bower. Mrs. Bower died Jan. 15, 1908, the mother of five children: John F., born Dec. 8, 1874, a dairy farmer of Salem

township, Luzerne county, married Emma Noble, of Wilkes-Barre; R. Orval is mentioned below; Elizabeth Mae and Joseph Ray, twins, born June 22, 1883, are living with their father; Clyde D., born Sept. 6, 1886, is also living at home. Joseph H. Bower has always been active in the public affairs of his township and has held the offices of school director and supervisor.

R. Orval Bower was educated in the neighborhood schools of Luzerne county, and taught school himself for a time before entering the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company. Still later he went with the American Car and Foundry Company, continuing in their offices for ten years. In 1910 Mr. Bower embarked in a shoe business at Berwick, which he has continued with profit to himself and convenience to his customers. In connection with his shoe business Mr. Bower sells life insurance for the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., having handled this insurance for the last eight years, principally in Columbia and Luzerne counties. He belongs to the Methodist Church at Beach Haven, Luzerne county, and believes in religious influences. Fraternally he belongs to Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta, and to Salem Grange, No. 291.

JOHN H. EISENHAUER, ticket agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Mifflinville, Columbia county, and president of the school board of that town, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., May 20, 1865, son of John and Rachel (Staufer) Eisenhauer.

John Eisenhauer, great-grandfather of John H. Eisenhauer, was one of the pioneers of Berks county, Pennsylvania.

John Eisenhauer, son of John Eisenhauer, above, and grandfather of John H. Eisenhauer, was a farmer and prominent citizen of Berks county.

John Eisenhauer, father of John H. Eisenhauer, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., and during his younger days was a lumberman and conducted a sawmill, making Ringtown (Pa.) his headquarters. His death occurred at that place in 1905. In addition to his other interests, he was engaged in farming and was a man of property. His wife, Rachel (Staufer), was also born in Schuylkill county, a daughter of Joseph Staufer, who was of German ancestry, and was a farmer of Schuylkill county, where he died. Mrs. Eisenhauer also passed away in that county, in 1907. She and her husband had the following chil-

dren: John H. is mentioned below; Louise, who is deceased, was the wife of Uriah Derr, of Schuylkill county; Nathan is a resident of Kingston, Pa.; Jefferson is a resident of Ringtown, Pa., where he is conducting a meat business; Robert, who is a resident of Slatington, Pa., is superintendent of the quarries at that point; Mary is the wife of George Brenich, of Girardville, Pa.; Harry is a resident of Shickskinny, Pennsylvania.

John H. Eisenhauer was educated in the Ringtown schools, being graduated from the high school there. Following this he learned telegraphy at Ringtown, and was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company for three years, when he transferred to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company and was placed at a small station in the mountains. Later he was given the station at Mainville, and then stationed at Catawissa, where he gave such good account of himself during the three years he was retained that he was appointed to the important position of station agent and telegrapher at Mifflinville. The telegraph station was abolished in September, 1909. Mr. Eisenhauer has been in the employ of his present company for a period extending over twenty-six years and is one of its most valued employees.

In 1886 Mr. Eisenhauer was united in marriage with Harriet Longenberger, born in Columbia county, Sept. 21, 1868, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Hinderleiter) Longenberger. For some time prior to his death, in 1908, Mr. Longenberger lived retired from his former farming activities, passing away at the age of eighty years. His widow is making her home with one of her daughters. The Longenberger family is a prominent one in Columbia county. Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhauer have had three children: (1) Edward, now a merchant at Mifflinville, conducting a general store, was graduated in the class of 1909 from the Bloomsburg State Normal School, and taught school for three years prior to going into his present business, one term in the high school at Mifflinville and two in the high school at Benton. He is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg, and of Caldwell Consistory (thirty-second degree), A. A. S. R., Bloomsburg. (2) Hester graduated from the Bloomsburg State Normal School in 1914 and is now teaching at Beach Haven. (3) Helen is attending high school at Mifflinville. The Eisenhauer family are consistent members of the Lutheran Church.

In 1889 Mr. Eisenhauer was elected a mem-

ber of the school board of Mifflinville, and has been reelected to that office, holding it continuously since, now as president of the board. Fraternally he belongs to Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Catawissa Chapter, No. 178, R. A. M.; Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T., of Bloomsburg, and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He also belongs to Washington Camp, No. 684, P. O. S. of A., of Mifflinville, and has held important offices in all these bodies. Mr. Eisenhower has been further honored by his fellow citizens with election to the position of president of the Columbia County School Board Association. He was a member of the committee that secured the erection of the bridge across the river at Mifflinville.

THOMAS RANK BUCK, who has been a resident of Berwick, Pa., since 1903, and is now numbered among the substantial citizens of that place, was born Feb. 25, 1870, at New Columbia, Lycoming Co., Pa., son of Rev. H. W. and Margaret (Lush) Buck.

Rev. Thomas Buck, the paternal grandfather of Thomas R. Buck, was a minister of the Evangelical Church when that denomination was first founded in the United States. He died when still in middle life, about the year 1841, at New Berlin, Pa., where he was buried. His children included: Rachel, who married Charles Free; Louise, who became the wife of George Rehling; George, who died young; Solomon; and Rev. H. W., Sr.

Rev. H. W. Buck, Sr., father of Thomas Rank Buck, was born Feb. 28, 1842, at New Berlin, Union Co., Pa. He received a common school training at New Berlin and York, Pa., to which point the family removed when he was a youth, and was essentially a self-made man, having secured his education and placed himself upon a firm footing through his own endeavors and sturdy industry. During the daytime he attended school, and at noontime and night worked as a clerk in Leh-mayer's clothing house, at York, until he reached the age of twenty-one years. He then became a minister of the Evangelical denomination, which later, through a division, became United Evangelical. He started his ministerial career on the Cumberland Valley circuit, being gone from home for two months at a time, and in the years that followed preached on the Lycoming circuit, in Lycoming county; at Hughesville, Lycoming county; New Columbia, Lycoming county; Evansville, Columbia county; Danville, Montour county; Glen

Rock, York county; on Jersey Shore circuit, Lycoming county; Berwick, Columbia county; Espy, Columbia county. During his pastorate at Evansville in 1871 he organized a congregation at Berwick with seven members, in the old Odd Fellows hall. After serving his pastorate at Espy he was made presiding elder of the Williamsport district, a capacity in which he served four years. He then went to the York district, where he held a like position for the same period of time. The Lewisburg district next had the benefit of his abilities as presiding elder for four years. For three years he was in charge at Millheim, and in 1902 returned to Berwick as regular minister for three years, his services at that point covering three terms as pastor and four years as presiding elder. His next change was to New Freedom, York county, where he was pastor for four years. At the end of this time Rev. Mr. Buck retired from the ministry, and is now living quietly after his many years of activity in his comfortable home at York. He was married to Margaret Lush, daughter of Jacob and Margaret Lush, of Germany, who came to the United States, the former dying in 1891 and the latter May 21, 1901. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Buck: Thomas Rank; Rev. H. W., Jr., who is now preaching at York Zion United Evangelical Church; and Laura, who married F. P. Geary, of Millheim. Rev. Mr. Buck is a staunch Prohibitionist in his political views. He is a member of Christ Church congregation, of the United Evangelical Association, at York.

Jacob Lush, the maternal grandfather of Thomas R. Buck, was born in Germany, and upon coming to the United States from the Fatherland settled at Salladasburg, Lycoming Co., Pa., where he died in 1891. He and his wife had the following children besides Margaret, Mrs. Buck: Henry, who married Cora Courson; Daniel; Samuel, who married Elizabeth Cupp; David, who married Hannah Watts; Julia, who became the wife of Thomas Everett; Rachel, who married Louis Reeder; Elizabeth, who became the wife of William Dunkleberger; Sue, who married Charles Fisher; and Dolly, the wife of Charles Fincher.

Thomas Rank Buck attended the Central Pennsylvania College, from which he was graduated in 1890 with the degree of B. E., after a scientific course. In 1891 he went to Williamsport, to become clerk in the wholesale department of the A. D. Lundy Stationery Company, subsequently traveling on the road

in various parts of the country for that concern. In 1895, while in Sioux City, Iowa, he became connected with the American Biscuit Company, as traveling salesman, later held a like position on the road and in the retail department for C. Driesbach's Sons, hardware dealers of Lewisburg, Pa., and then became an inspector in the repair shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Buck came to Berwick in February, 1903, when the steel plant of the American Car and Foundry Company was built, and entered the shops as inspector, steadily working his way up through the position of steel chaser, etc., to the charge of the preparation department, under John Heavener, superintendent, later under Mr. Rogers, J. R. Searles and Frank Faust, and then became assistant storekeeper under W. E. Lanniger, storekeeper. In the summer of 1906 Mr. Buck was made storekeeper, under Frank Faust, superintendent, and this position he has continued to hold to the present time. Mr. Buck has attained success because of individual merit and by making the most of his opportunities, rather than through favoring circumstances of any kind.

On Oct. 21, 1903, Mr. Buck was married to Stella Zerby, daughter of David L. and Anna Margaret (Keen) Zerby. Mr. Buck is a Republican in politics, but has restricted his activities to only a good citizen's interest in public matters. He belongs to Bower Memorial Church, of the United Evangelical faith, in which he is a class leader, assistant teacher of the Men's Bible class, and member of the official board. His fraternal connections include membership in Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows (the second largest lodge in Pennsylvania), of which he is a past grand; Berwick Encampment, No. 131, of that order; Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta; and Berwick Council, No. 1761, Royal Arcanum. His acquaintance in Berwick is extensive and his friendships numerous.

Adam Zerby, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Buck, was a farmer of Penn's Creek, Center Co., Pa., where he owned about 100 acres of fine land, and also owned and operated a sawmill near his home. He married Catherine Snively, and they became the parents of the following children: Henry; Aaron, who married Elizabeth Daup; Julia, who married Daniel Geary; Sarah, who married Fred Jamison; Reuben; and David L.

David L. Zerby, father of Mrs. Buck, was born Jan. 25, 1851, at Penn's Creek, Center Co., Pa., and received his education in the

public schools and at Spring Mills Academy in his native county. Early adopting the vocation of educator, he taught school for twenty-two terms, beginning at the age of sixteen years in the old-fashioned subscription schools. When he gave up the profession he worked for a time at the marble cutting trade, and then entered the employ of the Millheim Banking Company, at Millheim, Pa., where he still holds a responsible position. On Nov. 5, 1875, Mr. Zerby married Anna Margaret Keen, of Germany, and they became the parents of one daughter, Stella, who is now Mrs. Buck. Mr. Zerby is a Democrat in politics, and is a well known man in his locality, having served twenty years in the capacity of justice of the peace. He is a faithful member of the United Evangelical Church, he and his wife attending at Millheim.

Jacob Keen, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Buck, was born in 1815, and was engaged in cultivating a large property one mile west of Millheim, as a general farmer. When he retired from active life, about thirteen years prior to his death, he moved to his comfortable home at Millheim, and there his last years were passed amid the surroundings that his long and useful life had made possible. He passed away in 1890, respected and esteemed by all who knew him. Mr. Keen married Mary Deininger, who was born in 1823, and came from near Reading, Pa., and she died in 1899, at the age of seventy-six years. They were the parents of the following children: Sarah, who married Christopher Alexander; John, who married Harriet Breon; Justine, who became the wife of Alfred Kreamer; Rev. Emmanuel, who married Emma Yoder; Anna Margaret, who became the wife of David L. Zerby; Frank, who married Belle Herman; Warren, who married Susan Bauer; William, who married Sadie Stover; Rose, who married Rev. M. I. Jamison; Catherine, who married Prof. J. F. King; and Ada. Mr. Keen was a Democrat throughout his life, but not an active participant in his party's political struggles. He was known, however, as a good and public-spirited citizen, one ever ready to bear his full share of the responsibilities and duties of citizenship. For years he was a member of the United Evangelical Church, worshipping with the congregation of St. Luke's Church, at Millheim, of which his wife was also a member, and their children were reared in that faith. He was a member of the local Grange, and throughout his life was interested in agricultural affairs.

WILLIAM P. ZEHNER, who recently completed a term as sheriff of Columbia county, has been a resident of Bloomsburg since he entered upon the duties of that office, but he was previously located at Mainville and one of the most active citizens of that town and vicinity. He was born Dec. 20, 1870, at Mountain Grove, Luzerne Co., Pa., son of William J. Zehner, and is a grandson of William Zehner, the founder of the family in this section.

William Zehner was for a number of years settled at Tamaqua, in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he owned property and was engaged in the milling business. He remained there until the great flood swept away most of his possessions, and then moved to Mountain Grove, Luzerne county, near the line of Columbia county, passing the rest of his life there as a farmer. His children were: David W., who was killed on the homestead by a bull; B. Frank, who lives in Luzerne county; William J.; Amanda, deceased; and Libby, deceased.

William J. Zehner, son of William, was born March 23, 1846, at Mountain Grove, Luzerne county, and lived there until April 1, 1871, at which time he moved to Roaringcreek township, Columbia county, where he has been engaged in farming since. He is a respected and well known resident of that section. A Democrat in political connection, he has served as overseer of the poor in his district. In June, 1867, he married Christina Gearhart, who was born April 3, 1847, in Roaringcreek township, on the farm where they now live, daughter of Peter and Lydia (Miller) Gearhart. They have had a family of nine children: David F., who died when nine years old; William P.; Annie, wife of Frank Ohl; Ellen, who died young; Hannah, who married Elmer Tyson; Mary, who married William Berninger; Samuel R., who is engaged in business at Bloomsburg as dealer in agricultural implements; Cora, wife of Adam Knorr; and Pierce M., who lives at home.

William P. Zehner received his literary education at the public schools, Bloomsburg State Normal School, and Palatinate College, at Myerstown, Pa. He then took a course at Professor Stoner's business college, at Reading, Berks Co., Pa., after which he taught school a short time in Roaringcreek township, during 1890-91. In 1891 he became engaged in merchandising at Mainville, doing a general business. By honorable dealing and accommodating service he built up a large trade, and he also acted as postmaster at Mainville, established

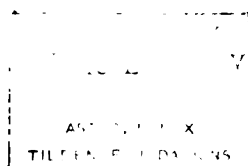
the rural route from that town when it was started, and was the rural mail carrier for about six years. In 1903 Mr. Zehner sold his general store and engaged in truck farming at Mainville, which he continued until he removed to Bloomsburg after his election as sheriff. He had considerable previous experience as a public official, having served three years as auditor, six years as tax collector and three terms as member of the school board, of which body he was president and secretary; it was during his connection with the school board that the high school was established at Mainville. Mr. Zehner was the first health officer appointed in his district and filled the office until he was elected sheriff, in 1909. He gave highly satisfactory service in this responsible office, showing that the confidence of his fellow citizens was not misplaced. As a peace officer during his term, Mr. Zehner met with great success, and held the respect and good will of the criminals who were under his charge. On March 8, 1911, while making an arrest, he was shot and severely wounded, but succeeded in capturing his man.

The uniform courtesy which Mr. Zehner has shown to all with whom he has come in contact during his official and private life has made for him a host of friends and gained for him the lasting esteem of everyone. From early manhood a working member of the Democratic party in this section, he has acted as committeeman, and was delegate to the State convention the last time Robert E. Pattison was nominated for governor. His active disposition has also brought him into prominence in other associations. He was one of the organizers and first president of the Mainville Telephone Company, which has proved to be one of the most important and valuable public service concerns in the county. Until his removal to Bloomsburg he was also one of the most useful members of the German Reformed Church at Mainville, serving four years as deacon and three years as trustee, and he was equally interested in the welfare of the Sunday school; he taught a class and served two years as superintendent, holding that office until he left Mainville. While in Roaringcreek township also he took an active part in church and Sunday school work.

Mr. Zehner was a charter member of Camp No. 484, P. O. S. of A., at Mainville, of which he is a past president, and has worked faithfully for its success; he was formerly a member of Camp No. 205, which he joined Aug. 16, 1887, when only sixteen years old. He is associated with the Grange and takes an active



*Wm. Zehner*



interest in its doings, and fraternally he is a high Mason, belonging to Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M.; Catawissa Chapter, R. A. M., of which he is a past high priest; and Caldwell Consistory (thirty-second degree), of Bloomsburg.

On April 6, 1893, Mr. Zehner married Lillian Fox, who was born Feb. 3, 1874, in Catawissa township, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of Theodore and Amelia (Wesner) Fox, of Main township, Columbia county, and they have had four children: Helen, Grace, Nina and Emma, the last named dying when two years old.

**MILLER.** The Miller family is an old and honored one in Foundryville, Columbia county, where its representatives have lived for many years. The first of the family of whom anything definite is known was a miller and distiller at Foundryville.

Reuben Miller, son of the above, married Sarah Hill, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Kisner) Hill, and they had the following children: Ash; Charley; John, who was a farmer of Salem township; Celestine, deceased; Kate, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased; Clara, wife of Clemuel Bower, of Foundryville; and Daniel H. Reuben Miller was also a miller and distiller at Foundryville. He and his wife are buried at Beach Haven, Luzerne county. In religion they inclined to the Methodist faith.

**DANIEL H. MILLER** (deceased) was born Aug. 13, 1845, at or near Milton. Early developing business ability of a high order, he became associated with many industrial enterprises of Foundryville and was a prominent man, whose demise, on June 6, 1900, was a loss to the community as well as to his immediate family. Although not a member of any religious organization he attended service at the Methodist Church of Foundryville and was honored by its congregation, for he was earnest in his life and liberal in his contributions. A Republican in politics, he lived up to his beliefs, and served conscientiously as a school director for several years. With the exception of a few years spent in work at the carpenter's trade Daniel H. Miller spent his life in promoting and conducting industrial enterprises and was associated with heavy distilling and milling interests. His connection with a concern assured its ultimate success, for his fellow citizens knew and appreciated his uprightness and keen business sense and trusted in his judgment.

Mr. Miller married Anna M. Moore of

Salem township, born Aug. 9, 1845, a daughter of William and Martha (Evans) Moore, farming people of Luzerne county, Pa., and one of a family of seven children born to her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel H. Miller became the parents of children as follows: Kate M., born Sept. 5, 1863, married R. T. Freas and died Feb. 12, 1912, at the age of forty-eight years, leaving her husband and three children; Emma S., born Aug. 16, 1865, married Reuben Canouse, and they live on a farm in Salem township with their four children; Reuben M., born Dec. 20, 1867, an employe of the American Car and Foundry Company of Berwick, married Verna Edwards and has one child; William M., born July 6, 1870, who lives at Berwick, is in the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company of that place; Grace D., born Sept. 20, 1873, residing at Scranton, is the wife of John Rabert, a builder, and has a daughter, Mary, born Feb. 2, 1896; Harry D. is mentioned at length further on; Oliver Franklin, born June 6, 1884, died Oct. 30, 1906, as the result of an accident. The mother of the above family survives and makes her home at North Berwick. She enjoys the respect and affection of a wide circle of acquaintances, while in her family she is the center of deep love.

**HARRY D. MILLER**, son of Daniel H. Miller, was born in Foundryville, Pa., Oct. 20, 1877. Growing up at that place, he was educated in the excellent schools there, and then learned mechanical engineering. After his father's death, he conducted the gristmill which his father had owned and then entered into a partnership with his brother, William M., conducting the "Silver Brook Hotel" at Foundryville. Later he bought out his brother's interest and conducted the hotel alone until 1914. His experience as a hotelkeeper covered a period of nine years. The house was patronized generously by the traveling public, and those who had once been his guests were glad to return, for they appreciated the quality of service and excellence of food. Mr. Miller is now engaged with the Berwick Water Company as general repairman, doing carpentering, pipe work, etc.

On Nov. 6, 1907, Mr. Miller was united in marriage with Carrie Myers, born June 13, 1886, a daughter of Christopher and Clara (Berger) Myers, her father a lumberman and farmer, who lived at Nanticoke. Mrs. Miller was one of a family of two sons and three daughters born to her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two daughters: Genevieve



who was born Nov. 27, 1911, and Dorothy Margaret, born April 4, 1914.

Like his father Mr. Miller attends the Methodist Church at Foundryville and supports it liberally. He is a commissioner of Briarcreek township, and a substantial man in every respect. Socially he is a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., and of Berwick Aerie, No. 1281, F. O. E., of Berwick.

JOSEPH COHEN, M. D., a physician and surgeon of Berwick, Columbia county, was born at Bloomsburg, Pa., Nov. 14, 1884, son of Lewis and Flora (Alexander) Cohen.

Lewis Cohen was born at Nagle, Germany, of German parents, and came to the United States when only sixteen years old. From New York he removed to Pittston, Pa., went back to New York, and was in that city when the Civil war broke out. He enlisted and served bravely with a New York regiment. At the close of hostilities he returned to New York City, but later had business connections at Bloomsburg, where he is now living retired. For some years he was engaged in the manufacture of cigars. His wife, a native of the same place as her husband, died in February, 1892. They had children as follows: Alexander, who is deceased; Lena, who married Lesser Alexander, of Bloomsburg; Esther; Eugene, who resides at Bloomsburg; Joseph; Isadore, who is a resident of Detroit; and two who died in infancy.

Joseph Cohen attended the Bloomsburg public schools, and was graduated from the high school in 1900 and the State Normal in 1902. He then took his medical course, at the University of Pennsylvania, being graduated therefrom in 1906. Entering the State Hospital at Scranton, Pa., he spent a year in acquiring a very acceptable and valuable experience, and in 1907 came to Berwick, where he has since been in general practice. He is a member of the county and State medical societies. Fraternally he belongs to the Berwick Lodge, B. P. O. Elks. Dr. Cohen is the physician for the American Car and Foundry Company at this point.

On Aug. 25, 1911, Dr. Cohen was married to E. Grace Vaughn, born at Honesdale, Pa., a daughter of Albert Vaughn. Prior to her marriage Mrs. Cohen was a trained nurse at Berwick.

JOHN ALBERT CARRATHERS, who is engaged in truck farming in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born Aug. 27, 1882, at Polk Corners, near Waller, Columbia

Co., Pa., son of Charles Henry and Hannah (Hess) Carrathers.

Moses Carrathers, the great-grandfather of John Albert Carrathers, was a farmer of Lycoming county, having a property on Muncy creek, near the headwaters, where he carried on farming and lumbering all of his life. He and his wife were buried at the stone schoolhouse at North Mountain. They were the parents of the following children: Thomas, born Nov. 18, 1797; Jane, born March 14, 1800; John F., born June 18, 1802; Nancy, born Oct. 12, 1806; William, born Feb. 21, 1809; Mary D., born July 16, 1811; and James Wilson, born July 11, 1814. Moses Carrathers was a Democrat in politics, and his religious faith was that of the Methodist Church.

James Wilson Carrathers, son of Moses Carrathers, and grandfather of John Albert Carrathers, was born in Lycoming county, Pa., July 11, 1814, and there obtained his education in the public schools. He was reared to the vocation of farming, and for many years worked as a hand among the neighboring agriculturists, also being the owner of a tract of fifteen acres and working at lumbering and shingle-making. He was buried at Buckhorn and his wife at Lairdsville. They were active members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Carrathers was a Democrat. James W. Carrathers married Mary F. Richart, a daughter of John and Rachel Richart, and they became the parents of children as follows: Sarah Jane, born Sept. 2, 1839, who married John Foster, of Michigan; Esther Ann, born Aug. 26, 1841, who married Augustus Moyer—both deceased; William Joshua, born Feb. 10, 1844, who died while serving in the Union army during the Civil war; Charles Henry; and Albert Clinton, born May 15, 1848.

Charles Henry Carrathers, son of James Wilson Carrathers, and father of John Albert Carrathers, was born April 16, 1846, near Lairdsville, Lycoming Co., Pa., and received his early education in the public schools at Unityville. He was nine years old when his father died, and following this he attended school at Derrs, in Jackson township, Columbia county, for a time, working on the farms in that neighborhood until he became of age. For about fourteen years he was also engaged in huckstering from Waller to Nanticoke and Plymouth, and also had a general store at Hunlock Creek for six years, but on account of ill health went out of business and moved to Berwick, Pa., where for three years he conducted a confectionery store. He is now retired. He is a Democrat in politics, and has

served as overseer of the poor in Jackson township. His religious connection is with the United Evangelical Church at Berwick, and while a resident of Waller he acted as class leader. His first wife, Sarah Jane (Sanders), is buried at Faus's Church, in Lycoming county. On March 21, 1878, Mr. Carrathers was married (second) to Hannah Hess, who was born at Polkville, Jackson township, Columbia Co., Pa., Feb. 10, 1848, daughter of John P. and Susanna (Robbins) Hess, and to this union were born the following children: Elmer G., who was killed on the D. L. & W. railroad, at the age of fifteen years; Catherine A., who married A. B. Dodson, of Berwick; and John Albert. The mother of these children received her education in the schools of Waller. She is a Sunday school teacher in the United Evangelical Church, and like her husband is widely and favorably known in Berwick and the vicinity.

Paul Hess, the maternal great-grandfather of John Albert Carrathers, came from Northampton county, Pa., with his wife Hannah (Yorks), and purchased a tract of 450 acres of timberland in Columbia county. He cleared this property, sold off a number of tracts and became one of the leading men of his community. He was greatly interested in both religion and education, and donated the ground for the building of the Union church, cemetery and schoolhouse. He and his wife were members of the United Evangelical Church, and they were buried in the Waller cemetery. Mr. Hess's political belief was that of the Democratic party, and he was active in its ranks in Columbia county. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: William, who married Ellen Robbins; Benjamin, who married Eliza Richart; John P.; Frederick, who married Susanna Whitmire; Samuel Y., who married Louise Mosteller; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Keller; Catherine, who married Samuel Priest and (second) Joseph Yocum; Mary, who married William Roberts; and Sarah, who married Thomas Cole.

John P. Hess, son of Paul Hess, and maternal grandfather of John Albert Carrathers, was born Oct. 7, 1807, in Columbia county, Pa., and received his education in the public schools of Waller, Jackson township. He early learned the trade of shoemaker, which he followed at Polkville, and was the owner of a farm of seventy-five acres, inherited from his father. A Democrat in politics, he was active in township matters, serving as school director, supervisor and in other offices, and

for sixteen years was postmaster at Polkville. He and his wife were members of the United Evangelical Church, and were buried in the Waller cemetery. Mr. Hess was first married to Mary Roberts, and they became the parents of these children: Thomas Y., who married Araminta Alberson; Edward, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Josiah, who died young; Harriet, deceased, who was the wife of Paul Klinger, also deceased; and Samuel Y., who married Malinda Cole. Mr. Hess married for his second wife Ann (or Susanna) Robbins, who was born March 25, 1805, in Columbia county, Pa., daughter of Jonathan and Tamar (Hagerman) Robbins, and to this union were born children as follows: Elizabeth, the widow of M. M. G. Hess; Hannah, who married Charles Henry Carrathers; and Jonathan and Mary, who both died young.

John Albert Carrathers, son of Charles Henry Carrathers, received his early education in the public schools of Jackson township, and later pursued his studies in Hemlock township. His first employment was driving a team for C. S. Turner & Company, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and subsequently he held a like position with Farr & Young, bakers and confectioners. He then became a loom fixer in the silk mill of Goldsmith & Company, and in 1901 came to Berwick and was employed in the soft iron foundry of the American Car and Foundry Company for one year, as a furnace helper in the rolling mills for three years, as a puddler for four years, and as a press hand and crane runner for over two years. For nearly a year he was employed on concrete work by Zimmerman & Kindig, and after leaving the employ of that concern was engaged in farming on a tract of ten acres, which he rented from Reuben Whitmire. He is now farming the eighty-acre farm of Henry T. Edwards in Briarcreek township. Mr. Carrathers is a Democrat in politics, but has not been particularly active. With his family he attends the Zwingli German Reformed Church at Berwick.

Mr. Carrathers was united in marriage with Mary E. Lechleitner, who was born May 18, 1887, in Tumbling Run valley, Blythe township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., daughter of John Henry and Alice (Miller) Lechleitner. Four children have been born to this union, namely: Hannah Alice, Jan. 29, 1906; Viola Lillian, Feb. 26, 1908; William Henry, Jan. 13, 1909; and Delmar Lee, Sept. 2, 1911. Mrs. Carrathers was educated in the public schools of Schuylkill county, which she attended until

attaining the age of twelve years, when she began making her own way in the world, working out in various farm homes in Schuylkill and Columbia counties. She was married after coming to Berwick.

John Henry Lechleitner is now a retired farmer and lives in West Berwick, Pa., where he owns property. He is a Democrat in his political views, and he and his wife are consistent members of the Zwingli German Reformed Church of Berwick. Mr. Lechleitner married Alice Miller, and they have become the parents of the following children: William, a resident of New York City, N. Y., married Hattie Herring; John is deceased; Anna became the wife of Charles Durham, of Sewickley, Allegheny Co., Pa.; Emma married Murray Miller, of Berwick; Lillian is the wife of Edward Gay, a resident of Philadelphia, Pa.; Hazel became the wife of Frank Rudy, of Berwick; Mary E. is the wife of John A. Carrathers; Oliver M. married Addie Davis, and lives at Berwick; Harry and Titus live with their parents at West Berwick. Both the Carrathers and Lechleitner families are widely known in Columbia county, and their members are filling honorable positions in various fields of life's activities.

Jonas Lechleitner, grandfather of Mrs. Carrathers, lived in the West Penn valley, in Penn township, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he followed farming, and he taught school in his own home during the winters before there were any public schools in that section. He and his wife, Anna Rebecca (Beahler), are buried in that township. He passed away at the age of forty-five years, she living to the age of eighty-two. They were members of the German Reformed Church. They had the following children: John Henry; Ambrose, who married Amanda Sessaman; Jefferson, unmarried; Washington, unmarried; Albert, who married Josephine Ringer; and Jonas, unmarried.

Mrs. Alice (Miller) Lechleitner was a daughter of Abram Miller, a native of Mauch Chunk, Pa., and a miner by occupation. He was a fine musician, an accomplished violin player. He died and is buried at Elizabeth, N. J. By his first wife, Anna (Confer), Mr. Miller had the following children: Stephen married Matilda Shipton and made his home at Lansford, Pa.; Ada, Mrs. Ramaley, lives in Mahoning Valley, Carbon Co., Pa.; Alice is the wife of John H. Lechleitner; Maria, deceased, was the wife of John Herring. The mother of this family is buried at Mauch

Chunk. The father married for his second wife Mrs. Emma Hoff, and they moved to Elizabeth, N. J. By this union he had four children, James, Joseph, Harry and Bertram.

THEODORE L. SMITH, a blacksmith of Bloomsburg, was born in Northampton county, Pa., Nov. 27, 1859, son of William Smith. His grandfather Smith lived in New York State.

William Smith went to Lehigh county, Pa., in young manhood, and being a gunsmith by trade found ready employment, following his calling all of his active life. He married Elizabeth Wright, of Northampton county, where both died and are buried in the cemetery connected with Belfast Church in that county. Their children were: Amanda, who married Walter Vaux; Elizabeth, who married John Clifton; John, who is living in Lehigh county; Catherine, who married John Rader; Isaac, who is deceased; Malinda, who married William Fogle; Rebecca, who married Owen Rader; William, deceased; Frank, who is living in Philadelphia; Ellen, who married O. C. Heffner; Cecilia, who married Adam Walter; Thomas, who is living in Northampton county; Theodore L.; George, who is deceased; and Irwin, who is living in Dayton, Ohio.

Theodore L. Smith was sent to the local schools and was brought up in Northampton county, where he worked on a farm until he was seventeen years old. At that time he began learning the trade of blacksmith in his native county, and remained there until he attained his majority, at which time he went to Michigan and spent a year. Returning to Pennsylvania, he worked at his trade at Mertztown, Berks Co., Pa., where he remained about six years. Mr. Smith then left for Scranton, Pa., but after eighteen months in that city, in March, 1887, came to Bloomsburg, to engage with M. C. Sloan & Bros. After six years in the employ of this firm he bought out his employers and has since conducted the business, moving to his present location in 1902. He is now conveniently located on the Light Street road, off Main street, and carries on a general blacksmith and repairing business, having a large trade.

In 1887 Mr. Smith was married to Amanda Stout, a daughter of George Stout, of Maxatawny township, Berks Co., Pa. She died in 1903, in a hospital at Pottstown, Pa., and is buried in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg. Three children were born of this marriage: Ida May, who is a graduate of the local high

schools and the Bloomsburg State Normal, now teaching and living at home; Cleo William, who is assisting his father; and Theodore Paul, who is attending school. Mr. Smith married (second) Mrs. Edith V. (Edmond) Lewis, the widow of William Lewis, and by this union there are two children, Elizabeth V. and Henry E.

Mr. Smith is a Republican, has served as a member of the city council, and is now on the city board of health, being president of the board. He is one of the managers of Rosemont cemetery, at Bloomsburg. Fraternally Mr. Smith belongs to the Odd Fellows and K. G. E. The Reformed Church holds his membership and he is serving as an elder. He is one of the reliable, hard-working, respected men of his community, one who has earned everything he has gained.

ARCHER AVERILL (deceased), who was for years engaged in dealing in ice at Berwick, Columbia Co., was born Feb. 28, 1847, at Bloomfield, Md., and was a son of William and Mary (Holt) Averill.

William Averill was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and moved to Bloomfield, Md., at an early date, there becoming one of the leading cattle dealers of the State. In later years he moved to Lancaster county, Pa., and there spent the remainder of his life, meeting with an accidental death. Subsequently his widow came to Columbia county, where she made her home with her only son until her death, in 1888.

Archer Averill spent his boyhood days in Lancaster county, where he secured a liberal education in the public schools. When a youth of seventeen years he enlisted, in Company D, 105th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Charles Crash and Col. Joseph Lester, for service during the Civil war. The regiment was sent to Baltimore, Md., July 24, 1864, and thence to Monocacy Junction, where on the 3d of September it joined the 8th Brigade. Mr. Averill was honorably discharged Nov. 4, 1864, at Harrisburg, Pa., and reenlisted, in Company G, 76th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, securing his honorable discharge therefrom June 18, 1865. He took a lifelong interest in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic, and was a member of Capt. C. G. Jackson Post, No. 159, of Berwick, while his wife is still a member of Woman's Relief Corps, No. 136. At the close of the war Mr. Averill returned to Lancaster county, and resided there until September, 1876, then coming to Berwick, where he be-

came an employee of the Jackson Woodin Manufacturing Company. A short time thereafter he embarked in the ice business, soon enlarged his plant, cut ice on the river, built up a large trade, and continued to carry on this business until his retirement, several years before his death, when he turned the business over to his sons. He died Dec. 14, 1910, when his city lost a good and public-spirited citizen.

On May 25, 1872, Mr. Averill was married to Margaret Smith, a native of Jersey City, N. J., and daughter of James and Mary (Garrigan) Smith, natives of Ireland, the former born in County Mayo and the latter in County Cavan. When they came to the United States they settled at Jersey City, Mr. Smith being there engaged in railroad and canal work. After coming to Berwick, where he was engaged in work on the Pennsylvania canal, he made his home with his daughter until his death, in 1906, when he had attained the remarkable age of ninety-three years. Mrs. Smith died in 1876, in Lancaster county. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: James J. and Edward P., both deceased; and Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Averill had two children: Edward F., born Dec. 2, 1874, and Archer B., born Dec. 26, 1875, who are conducting the ice business founded by their father. Edward F. married Ella Frantz, a native of Columbia county, and they have five children. Archer B. married Mary Halfpenny, of Rohrsburg, Pa., and they have three children.

Mrs. Averill is a consistent member of St. Mary's Catholic Church of Berwick. Mr. Averill was a member of the Presbyterian Church. He was a Democrat, but never had political aspirations.

MRS. LYDIA ALICE BREDBENNER, of Dorranceton, Luzerne Co., Pa., was born Jan. 1, 1858, in Mifflin township, Columbia county, daughter of Abram and Elizabeth Pendred (Clark) Schweppenheiser.

Philip Schweppenheiser, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Bredbenner, was born in Gensingen, Germany, in 1754, and died in America, whither he had emigrated in young manhood. He married Sophronica Brunner, also of Gensingen, Germany, and they are buried in the Mifflin cemetery. They were the parents of the following children: Jacob, who married Rebecca Sutton; Philip, who married Catherine Fenstermacher; Elizabeth, who married John Aten; Mary, who died unmarried; Catherine, who married George Longen-

berger; and Susan, who married William Miller. All the children were buried in Mifflin cemetery. Philip Schweppenheiser participated in several severe battles during the Revolutionary war. His political belief was that of the Democratic party, and throughout his life he was a consistent Lutheran.

Jacob Schweppenheiser, son of Philip Schweppenheiser, and grandfather of Mrs. Bredbenner, was born in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., in 1790, and died in 1865, when nearly seventy-six years of age. He married Rebecca Sutton, who was born in New Jersey, and died about the year 1881. They became the parents of the following children: Sarah Ann married Peter Grover, and both are buried in Brown's cemetery, Mifflin; Lydia married John Shreck, and both are buried in Mifflin cemetery; Abram married Elizabeth Pendred Clark, and they are buried in Mifflin cemetery; Isaac married Julia Poff, and they are buried in Mifflin cemetery; Frances and Jacob are also buried in Mifflin cemetery; Horace, who married Frances Seybert, died at Hazleton, Pa. Jacob Schweppenheiser, the father of this family, was a Democrat, but never cared for public preferment and did not seek office. He was a German Lutheran in his religious faith, and adhered devotedly to his belief. Mr. Schweppenheiser was a very wealthy man, having through industry, thrift and good management acquired large tracts of farm land and much that was in timber. The old homestead of logs, which he erected, was bought by Jeremiah Houck, who recently tore it down, sawed up the old logs, and with the boards erected a new house; it is situated on the Mainville road, a few miles out from Mifflinville.

Abram Schweppenheiser, son of Jacob Schweppenheiser, and father of Mrs. Lydia A. Bredbenner, was born Jan. 3, 1822, and died June 9, 1909, in Mifflin township, Columbia county. His wife, Elizabeth Pendred Clark, was born Feb. 21, 1827, and died Dec. 5, 1910, in the same place, and both are buried in Mifflin cemetery. They were the parents of the following children: The eldest, which was stillborn, and Frances Rebecca, who died young, are buried in Mifflin cemetery; Catherine Rachel is the widow of Saron Hendershott; Eldora Summers married Milton Lehman; Lydia Alice married A. A. Bredbenner; Martha Elma married Jacob Knecht; Miranda Elizabeth married Rush Wintersteen; Wilmina Jane married Walter Moomey.

Abram Schweppenheiser was a Democrat in politics, and at various times was honored

with election to public positions, holding on different occasions the offices of supervisor, overseer of the poor and school director. During his younger days he taught both German and English. He took a keen and active interest in the welfare of his community and in his public services displayed conscientious devotion to duty. He was also faithful as a member and worker of the German Lutheran Church, and donated the greater part of the money and material for building the church of that faith at Mifflin. Although he did not see active service himself as a soldier, he supplied the money to provide substitutes for a number of his neighbors and was the leader in acts of charity for many soldiers' families, where the men were called to go to the front. During the draft he was in the government service, taking the drafted men to Troy, N. Y., where he turned them over to the authorities. He retained his faculties to the very close of his long and useful life, and died surrounded by his children and grandchildren, with a handsome estate accumulated by the exercise of industry and good management, and content in the knowledge that his life had been helpful to others.

Mrs. Lydia Alice (Schweppenheiser) Bredbenner, daughter of Abram Schweppenheiser, was born Jan. 1, 1858, in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., and there has spent the greater part of her life, although for some time she has resided at Dorranceton, Pa., at No. 40 John street. At this time she is interested in general farming at West Mifflin, Mifflin township. She is well and favorably known to the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and is a prominent working member of the Ladies' Aid Society, in which she has many friends. To Mr. and Mrs. Bredbenner were born the following children: Abram Frederick, born Sept. 29, 1874, married Leora Allen, and they have four children, Frederick (now thirteen years old), Mazetta Gertrude (eleven), Frieda Mignnette (eight) and Philip Clyde (five); Warren Lacy, born Nov. 18, 1876, died when eleven years old and was buried in the Mifflin cemetery; William Clark, born March 8, 1879, married Caroline Werkheiser, and their children are Melborn Ambrose (thirteen years old), Eleanor Erda (eleven), Nell Alice (nine), Elizabeth Augusta (eight), William Clark (five), Lane Caroline and Martha Estella; Nell Alice, born Sept. 21, 1881, married Ottis G. Marstiller; Elizabeth Pendred, born June 24, 1887, married Clyde Keller and has one child, Elizabeth Pendred.

EDWARD J. SPONENBERG is one of the best known and most respected citizens of Berwick, Pa., where in the position of purchasing agent for the Berwick Store Company he has every opportunity to meet the farmers of the county as well as the residents of the borough. He was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, Dec. 2, 1871, and is descended from some of the first German settlers of the county.

Daniel Sponenberg, his grandfather, was born in February, 1803, at Liverpool, Bucks Co., Pa., and had a common school education. He was one of the builders of the section of the Pennsylvania canal from Rupert to Berwick, in 1828, his business being contracting and bridge building. Later he retired to live on his farm. On Feb. 5, 1829, at Briarcreek, he married Hannah, daughter of John and Mary (Culp) Shellhammer, and they had these children: James, who married Mary Jane Garney; Mary Jane, wife of Samuel Gensil; Alexander, who died young; Fannie M.; Legrand, who married Alice Fortner (he went to the Civil war as a cavalryman); Abraham, who died young; Mahala, wife of Reuben Moyer; John Leonard; and Dorcas D., wife of Dr. David Krebb. Daniel Sponenberg died March 3, 1856, and his wife Hannah died in 1889.

John L. Sponenberg, the father of Edward J., was born March 28, 1846, in Briarcreek township, and attended the country schools while working on the home farm. For a time after his marriage he resided in Berwick, but later returned to Briarcreek. He was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church. He married Emma, daughter of Edward and Emma (Bomboy) Hartman, and they had children as follows: Edward J., born Dec. 2, 1871, and Margaret, born March 15, 1880.

Edward J. Sponenberg was educated in the schools of Briarcreek township. Soon after his schooldays he entered the rolling mill of the American Car and Foundry Company, where he served for three years under Eli Sherwood. He then entered the employ of the Berwick Store Company, as purchasing agent, which position he now holds. He has a beautiful home in Berwick, which he built in 1907, and he is to be found in the forefront of all that makes for the welfare and progress of his adopted town. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church and is greatly interested in the work of that denomination. Strictly independent in politics, he is not swayed by party influences in his choice of candidates to support.

In August, 1893, Mr. Sponenberg married Jennie Edora Mensinger, who was born March 21, 1872, in Berwick, daughter of Silas and Sarah (Warntz) Mensinger. Silas Mensinger was a carpenter and followed that calling all his life. His children were as follows: John Franklin, Albert Pierce, Ada Alice, Anna Belle, Jennie Edora and William Jacob. The parents were members of the Evangelical Church. Mr. Mensinger was a Democrat in politics. He died April 2, 1890, aged fifty-one years, and is buried at Shaffer Church, in Luzerne county. His wife died aged sixty years, and is buried at Cabin Run, Columbia county.

Mr. and Mrs. Sponenberg have two children: Ray Albert, born Oct. 12, 1902, and Aletha Fae, born Dec. 24, 1908. Mr. Sponenberg is a member of Berwick Lodge No. 246, I. O. O. F., and Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A. Mrs. Sponenberg is a member of Queen Esther Temple, No. 4, L. G. E.

GEORGE W. JOHNSON, who conducts a plumbing, heating and tinning business at West Berwick, was born at Beaver Valley, Columbia Co., Pa., July 21, 1874, son of Henry T. and Nancy Jennie (Deuel) Johnson, and grandson of Samuel Johnson.

Samuel Johnson came from Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa., where he was married to Mary Storay, and was an early settler in this section of Pennsylvania, where he engaged in farming. His death at the age of eighty-two years occurred in Beaver Valley, Columbia county, and his wife lived to about the same age. They are buried in Mountain Grove cemetery.

Henry T. Johnson, son of Samuel, was born Sept. 12, 1849, in Columbia county. In his earlier years he followed farming, but later gave the larger part of his attention to milling, conducting mills at Nanticoke, at Hunlock Creek and at Wilkes-Barre, the family living at these points in the meanwhile. He married Nancy Jennie Deuel, born Nov. 23, 1854, and they now live on La Salle street, Berwick. Mr. Johnson is now employed as a finisher in the passenger car department of the American Car and Foundry Company. Two brothers of Henry T. Johnson, Josiah W. and Aaron B., both now deceased, served as soldiers in the Civil war.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Johnson have been born children as follows: (1) George W. was born July 21, 1874. (2) Lucy A., born May 19, 1875, married Wilbur Culver, and they live at Broadway, Luzerne county. They have children, Arthur, Earl Eugene,

and Florence Irene. (3) Hannah C., born Aug. 27, 1878, is with the National Biscuit Company in New York City. (4) Boyd R., born Jan. 28, 1881, is assisting his brother George in the plumbing business. (5) Samuel was born May 16, 1886. The parents are members of St. Paul's United Evangelical Church of West Berwick.

Nancy Jennie Deuel, the mother, was born in what was at that time Union (now Hunlock) township, Luzerne county, a daughter of George E. Deuel, who was born Nov. 4, 1814, and died in January, 1881, aged sixty-six years. He was a farmer for a number of years; but later became a coal digger, following that occupation almost to the time of his death. He married Teresa Harvey, who was born in November, 1816, and died aged seventy-three years. They had the following children: Lucy A., deceased, married Jacob Reese; Jeremiah B. married Rose Cragle and lives at Nanticoke, Luzerne county; Nancy Jennie is Mrs. Johnson. George Deuel was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Methodist Church, which he served as deacon. He and his wife are buried in the Case cemetery at Jackson, Luzerne county.

Jeremiah Deuel, the grandfather of Mrs. Johnson, was a farmer, first in Union township, Luzerne county, moving from there to Plymouth township, where he found employment in the roundhouse of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad. He married a Douty and had the following children: Jonas, who married Emma Brace; Albert; John, who married Fannie Hunlock; George; Charlotte, Mrs. John Arnold; and Lucy, Mrs. John Glass. Jeremiah Deuel was a Republican in politics.

George W. Johnson obtained his education while the family home was at Nanticoke. For four years he was connected with the Retreat for the Insane near Nanticoke, and he is a graduate nurse. Previous to going to New York, where he attended a mechanical school and learned his present business, he was engaged for a time in a mercantile business at Middletown, N. Y., and while in New York he was in the employ of the Hudson River Telephone Company for one year. In 1905 Mr. Johnson came to Berwick and for three years was in the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company at the end of that period embarking in business for himself in West Berwick; he operates over a large territory. He resides with his parents, and with them belongs to St. Paul's United Evangelical Church. He is a member of Centennial

Lodge No. 927, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Wilkes-Barre. Politically he is independent.

JOSEPH H. CATTERALL, superintendent of the rolling mills of the American Car & Foundry Company's plant at Berwick, Pa., was born in Bolton, England, Oct. 6, 1861, and is a son of Ralph C. H., grandson of Joseph and great-grandson of Ralph Catterall. The family is of English ancestry. Ralph Catterall, the great-grandfather, was born in Wigan, England. He had six children, as follows: Thomas, Samuel, John, Ralph, James and Joseph.

Joseph Catterall was born in Bolton, England, in 1799, and educated in the common schools of the town. He learned the trade of machinist, which he followed most of his life. In 1815 he joined the British army and served for one year in the Home Guards, taking part in the battle of Waterloo. In 1871 he came to Fall River, Mass., where he worked at his trade until his death in 1874. By his wife Alice (Norris) he had four children: Eliza, wife of Emmanuel Etchels; Ralph Charles Henry; Louisa, who died young; and Alice, who married John Holt and George Frost.

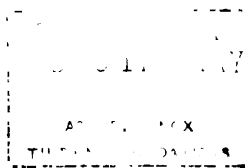
Rev. Ralph C. H. Catterall was born in Bolton, England, May 3, 1840, and obtained his education in the public schools of Bolton and Manchester, under Rev. John Martin, formerly missionary to Sierra Leone. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade for seven years, but in a short time ran away and enlisted in the 61st Rifles of the British army. His mother, however, obtained his discharge and he returned to his trade until the age of seventeen, when he began to preach the gospel, also studying medicine at the same time. After a year of these studies at Leeds he returned to his apprenticeship with John Raymond, of Manchester, and Dobson & Barlow, of Bolton.

Rev. Mr. Catterall was united in marriage with Caroline Reed, of Burslem, Staffordshire, a place noted for its potteries. They had eight children, as follows: (1) Joseph Henry is mentioned below. (2) Ralph, born March 29, 1866, in Bolton, England, was educated in the public schools and at Bucknell University, from which he was graduated in 1891. He then attended Harvard University, and was honored by the University of Chicago, which gave him the degree of doctor of philosophy. He was an instructor in Chicago University until 1902, when he was appointed assistant professor of history at Cornell Uni-



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versity. In 1905 he was made professor of modern European history at Cornell, which position he held at the time of his death, Aug. 3, 1914. He was a member of the American Historical Association, American Antique Society, Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Delta Gamma. On June 24, 1896, he was married to Helen Honor Tunnicliffe. (3) William, born April 10, 1868, at Bolton, lives at Lebanon, Pa., and is rolling mill superintendent for the American Iron & Steel Company. He married Margaret Fortner, of Nescopeck. (4) Albert, born Dec. 15, 1869, at Fall River, Mass., died there. (5) Alfred, born Nov. 19, 1873, at Mahanoy City, married Eva Fenstermacher and lives in Hawley, Pa. (6) George, born Nov. 3, 1875, at Lehman Center, Luzerne county, married Sarah Blank and lives in Berwick. (7) James, born Nov. 3, 1877, at Lehman Center, died near Scranton, Feb. 20, 1887. (8) Charles, born June 6, 1880, at Berwick, Pa., died Nov. 26, 1880.

Rev. Mr. Catterall went to Liverpool in 1862 and to Bolton in 1865, working at carpentering and preaching until 1869. He then sailed for America, the voyage lasting from Aug. 14th to Sept. 21st. He located at Fall River, Mass., being first employed at carpenter work and then at patternmaking, and then remained at Fall River until June 1, 1873, when he turned to preaching. He preached at Mahanoy City four years; Lehman, near Harvey's Lake, four years; Plymouth, one year; Berwick, from Feb. 28, 1880, to April 1, 1884; Peckville, until Jan. 11, 1888; Port Allegany, from Jan. 8, 1889, to Sept. 5, 1891; Watson-town, until 1894; Wyoming, until Sept. 30, 1899. He then went to Berwick to work for the American Car & Foundry Company, but sustained an injury to his hand and had to cease work. In April, 1905, he left Berwick to preach in the Presbyterian church at Hawley, where he supplied for a year, and then served for one year as pastor of the Baptist Church there. In 1910 he left for Berwick, where he afterwards lived retired, occasionally preaching on request. His death occurred Dec. 28, 1913, at Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Mr. Catterall was a Prohibitionist, but not active in the party, although in England he was prominent in politics and voted for Gladstone. He was a Baptist, and a member of Brevard Lodge, No. 113, F. & A. M., of Coca, Fla. His wife, Caroline Reed, born March 28, 1838, died Nov. 5, 1910. They are buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick.

Joseph H. Catterall moved to Berwick in

1880 and went to work in the erecting shop of the Jackson & Woodin Company, later being employed as clerk in the rolling mills. In 1890 he was promoted to the superintendency, and when in 1899 the plant was taken over by the American Car & Foundry Company, he retained the position which he still holds. Mr. Catterall married, Sept. 25, 1883, Jennie Frantz, daughter of Emanuel Frantz, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and they have had two children: Anna, born Aug. 5, 1884, and Joseph H., born Jan. 25, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Catterall are both members of the Baptist Church of Berwick, and he is president of its board of trustees. He is connected with the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Malta and the Royal Arcanum. In his political views he is an adherent of the Republican party, and has been a member and chairman of the Republican county committee. He has served his fellow citizens as auditor and as president of the town council. He is a member of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A., and has been president of the board of trustees of the Berwick Hospital, 1913-14.

CHARLES R. REESE, assistant postmaster at Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in that borough Feb. 14, 1881, son of Joseph G. and Mary Elizabeth (Dietterick) Reese, and grandson of James Reese.

James Reese was born in Germany, and coming to the United States located at Patterson, now known as Mifflin, Pa., where he became a real estate dealer and hotel man.

Joseph G. Reese was born at Mifflin, Pa., and learned the trade of carpenter. Coming to Berwick in 1879, he entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Company as a car builder, and then engaged with the American Car and Foundry Company as a rolling mill man. His wife was a daughter of John Dietterick, born in Scotland, who upon coming to this country located at Thompson, Pa., where he dealt in grain. Later he became sheriff of Juniata county, Pa., and still later was made a general car inspector for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Both Joseph G. Reese and his wife survive. They have had three children: Charles R.; John P., who is deceased; and Donald C., who is living at home.

Charles R. Reese attended the Berwick schools and began his business career on June 1, 1896, when he entered the Berwick post office as special delivery man. Later he started a private delivery of his own at Berwick, which he continued until July 1, 1900. In that year he was made a clerk in the post

office, serving as such until Feb. 14, 1902, when he was appointed assistant postmaster, and has held that office ever since, being a capable and efficient man.

On March 12, 1902, Mr. Reese was married to Bertha B. Linchbery, born in Walnut Valley, N. J., a daughter of Hiram C. and Margaret E. Linchbery, both of whom survive. They came to Berwick in 1902, in order that Mr. Linchbery might enter the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company. Mr. and Mrs. Reese have one son, Ray C. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

AARON GARRISON, a farmer in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., Nov. 2, 1868, son of Emanuel Garrison.

John Garrison, grandfather of Aaron Garrison, was a farmer of Luzerne county, Pa. He was a member of the United Evangelical Church in Salem township, that county, and he and his wife were buried in the graveyard connected with that church. Their children were: Abner; John Wesley, who married Larilla Harmon—both deceased; Norman, who married Hannah B. Henry—both deceased; Burtus, who has been thrice married and has lost all three wives, the first dying some place in the West, the second, who was a Miss Parks, dying in Pennsylvania, as did the third, who was a Miss Dehaven; Jacob, who married Susan Ritter, and lives at Berwick; and Emanuel. In political faith John Garrison was a Democrat.

Emanuel Garrison, son of John Garrison, and father of Aaron Garrison, was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he was educated. During his boyhood he assisted his father, and later served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade, although he became a farmer, operating first in Salem township, whence he came to Briarcreek township, Columbia county. For four years he managed the 250-acre farm owned by Mordecai Jackson, this property all being under cultivation. At the expiration of the four years Emanuel Garrison moved to Centre township, same county, where he operated 100 acres of land for five years. During all of this time, while attending to agricultural duties, he did considerable carpentering. With the close of the five-year period spent in Centre township he returned to Briarcreek township, and lived retired with his daughter Mrs. Margaret Harmon, where he died in 1897. He and his wife are buried in the graveyard surrounding Moore's United Evangelical Church in Lu-

zerne county. This was the church he originally joined, although he later transferred to the United Evangelical Church of Berwick. His wife died about 1895, aged fifty years. A Democrat, he served as a judge of election.

Emanuel Garrison married Salinda Henry, a daughter of Samuel H. and Margaret (Rough) Henry, and they had the following children: Samuel, who married Larilla Harmon, lives at Berwick; John married Catherine Miller, and both are deceased; Margaret married Clement Harmon, of Berwick, now also deceased; Aaron is mentioned at length below; Reuben, who married Annie Gensel, is overseer of the T. E. Hyde stock farm in Cooper township, Montour county; Mary married Moses Rowland, of Moosic, Pennsylvania.

Aaron Garrison grew up in his native township, where he attended the district schools. Remaining with his father until he attained his majority, Mr. Garrison became a core-maker and for the following twelve years was in the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, now the American Car and Foundry Company, of Berwick. Later he became assistant foreman in the frame shop, having charge of quite a number of men. Desiring a change, he began farming, and worked for himself and his father-in-law, the latter being the owner of twenty-four acres of land near Berwick Heights in Briarcreek township. Mr. Garrison was overseer for the farms owned by C. R. Woodin, and also attended to keeping the roads leading to them in good repair, occupying this responsible position for several years, and the state of the properties showed the effect of his wise management. Since April 1, 1914, he has been operating his own farm. A Republican, Mr. Garrison is now serving as deputy constable of Briarcreek township, and has also been a judge of election. He belongs to Washington Camp No. 105, Berwick, P. O. S. of A. He is a member of the Methodist Church of Berwick, and for eight years held the office of superintendent of the Union Sunday schools of North Berwick, being an enthusiastic Sunday school worker and largely responsible for the interest shown in this branch of religious endeavor in his locality.

Aaron Garrison married Lydia Martz, who was born Sept. 16, 1867, a daughter of Isaac and Jenetta (Heavner) Martz, and they have one child, Ezra, born Jan. 22, 1898, who lives with his parents at Berwick Heights.

John Martz, grandfather of Mrs. Garrison, was a farmer in Briarcreek township, dying

on his homestead in that locality after devoting his life to agricultural pursuits. In politics he was a Republican, but did not desire office. The Lutheran Church of Briar Creek held his membership, but he is buried at Martzville. The children of John Martz were: Lehman married Celesta Miller, and both are deceased; Mary married Daniel Hill, who is deceased; Rebecca married Hiram R. Bower, of Berwick, Pa.; Isaac is mentioned below.

Isaac Martz, son of John Martz, and father of Mrs. Aaron Garrison, spent his entire life on the Martz homestead where his widow still resides, he having died in November, 1905, aged sixty-seven years. He was laid to rest in Pine Grove cemetery at Berwick. His educational training was gained in Briarcreek township, and he assisted his father until the latter's death, when he inherited the property. There he carried on general farming, and became a man of prominence among his neighbors. Isaac Martz married Jenetta Heavner, a daughter of Frederick Heavner, and children as follows were born to this union: Martie married Samuel M. Petzey, of Martzville Road; Lydia became Mrs. Garrison; Frank married Eva Bower and lives at Foundryville, Pa.; Aaron, who married Retta Shannon, lives at Berwick; Mary is at home. Isaac Martz was a Republican in politics, and fraternally belonged to Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., of Berwick. The Methodist Church held his membership.

Mrs. Lydia (Martz) Garrison, daughter of Isaac Martz, and wife of Aaron Garrison, was born in Briarcreek township Sept. 16, 1867. Growing up in her native place, Mrs. Garrison attended the schools of the district, and remained at home until her marriage. This home was at Berwick Heights, where her father spent his life. Mrs. Garrison is a valued member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church of Berwick. For the last nine years she has taught a class of young girls in the Sunday school, for like her husband she believes in active work in that department, where young minds may be taught lessons of right living and high thinking.

ECK. Miss Anna Eliza Eck, a resident of Berwick, is a great-granddaughter of a native of Germany, who emigrated thence to the United States in young manhood, and located in Pennsylvania. In his early years he learned the trade of plasterer, and this he followed in connection with farming throughout his life. At the time of his retirement from active pursuits he moved to Briarcreek township, Co-

lumbia Co., Pa., where he spent his declining years in a pioneer log home. He and his worthy wife were laid to rest in the cemetery at Briar Creek. They were the parents of these children: John, who located at Williamsport, Pa.; Samuel, who located at Catawissa; David, and Joseph.

Joseph Eck, grandfather of Anna Eliza Eck, was born in eastern Pennsylvania, and secured his education in the schools of Briarcreek township. He worked on the farm as a youth, and when not so engaged followed the trade of plasterer, which he had learned from his father. He cleared a farm of 190 acres, on which he erected a log house and barn, and also assisted in laying the piers of the old Berwick bridge, which stood until washed away in 1899. Joseph Eck married Mary Rittenhouse, daughter of William and Ann (Rook) Rittenhouse, the latter of whom came from Germany and settled at Germantown, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Eck became the parents of children as follows: Sarah Ann, deceased, married John Bondman, deceased, and lived in Michigan; William went to Michigan and at the age of sixty years was elected a member of the Michigan State Legislature, in which he served four years, and he died when eighty-six years old; Susanna Nice died Sept. 2, 1869, aged fifty-eight years, two months, seven days; Jonathan W. married Sallie Ann Freas, of Briarcreek township, and both are deceased; Phoebe married Nelson Creveling, and both died at Three Rivers, Mich.; Eliza passed away Jan. 25, 1894, aged seventy-eight years, five months, eighteen days; Amelia married Archibald Henry, of Kansas; Reese Millard completes the family. The father of the foregoing children was a Republican in politics, and for some years served as overseer of the poor. In his later years he built a stone house on his farm, in which his son, Reese Millard Eck, and his granddaughter, Anna Eliza Eck, were both born. His religious tendencies made him a Quaker. He passed away July 20, 1855, at the age of seventy-seven years, while his wife died June 20, 1859, aged seventy-eight years, and they were buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick.

A distinguished member of this family is found in the person of David Rittenhouse, the great American astronomer, who was a second cousin of Mary (Rittenhouse) Eck, the grandmother of Anna Eliza Eck. He was born near Philadelphia, Pa., April 8, 1732, and died April 26, 1796. He worked on his father's farm up to the age of nineteen years, when he became a clockmaker, and thus drifted into

the making of mathematical instruments. It is said that when he first looked through a telescope at the heavens he fainted. In 1770 he completed, from an improved model devised by himself, an orrery, a planetary machine used to illustrate and explain the motions of the heavenly bodies. He was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society in 1768, and in 1769 made an observation of the transit of Venus. He was treasurer of the State of Pennsylvania from 1777 until 1789; was professor of astronomy in the University of Pennsylvania from 1779 until 1782; director of the United States Mint at Philadelphia from 1792 until 1795; was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of London in 1796; and was president of the American Philosophical Society from 1790 until his death, in 1796.

REESE MILLARD ECK, son of Joseph Eck, and father of Anna Eliza Eck, was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., April 21, 1822, and died in the stone house in that township in which he had been born, May 28, 1881, aged fifty-nine years, one month, seven days. He received his education in the schools of Briarcreek township, and worked on the home farm for his father until the latter's death, at which time he purchased the property from the other heirs, and continued to be engaged in general farming until his death. He met with unqualified success because of his industry, energy and good management, and won the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens by reason of his absolute integrity and probity.

Mr. Eck was married to Phoebe Elizabeth Hicks, daughter of Mahlon and Ann (Millard) Hicks, March 10, 1853, and by this union there was one child, Anna Eliza, born March 31, 1854, in Briarcreek township. Mrs. Eck died Nov. 30, 1855, aged twenty-four years, two months, nineteen days. Mr. Eck was subsequently married (second) to Harriet Wilson, daughter of Rev. Reuben and Sarah (Eves) Wilson, of Millville, Pa., and to this union there were born children as follows: Mary Rittenhouse and Harriet Wilson, both school teachers of Pittsburg, Pa.; and Sarah and Clara, who died in infancy.

Mr. Eck's death was unexpected, as he had been in apparently the best of health, having been engaged in planting corn the day before he died. After his death the farm was sold. He was a member of the Grange of Briar Creek, was a Republican in politics, and in his religious belief had leanings to the Friends'

doctrines. He and his first wife were buried at Berwick, and his second wife at Millville, Pennsylvania.

Mahlon Hicks, the maternal grandfather of Anna Eliza Eck, came to this section of Pennsylvania considerably more than a century ago from Philadelphia, settling at Hicks' Ferry, Luzerne county, and subsequently going to Millers' Grove, Columbia county, where he cleared a farm. His wife, Ann, belonged to the old and honored Millard family, one of the foremost of this locality. Their eldest son, Mahlon Hicks, born Feb. 14, 1818, lived in Maryland, and died April 2, 1880; Mordecai is mentioned below; Nancy, born Nov. 18, 1818, died Feb. 6, 1905; Sarah J., born July 20, 1839, died April 5, 1897; Mrs. Rebecca Hicks lived at Williamsport, Pa.; Anna Eliza married Isaac L. Cryder, of Willow Grove, Pa., who died May 5, 1877, aged fifty-one years nine days.

Mordecai Hicks, the brother of Phoebe Elizabeth Hicks, was born on the old Hicks homestead May 19, 1827, and lived to be seventy-eight years six months twenty-five days old. He married Harriet M. Stall, who was born in 1828, daughter of Edwin and Susan Stall, and died in 1901. Mr. and Mrs. Hicks had the following children: Two who died in childhood; Samuel H., treasurer of the Spring Brook Water Company, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Benjamin B., note teller of the First National Bank, Scranton, Pa.; Mrs. S. W. Kelchner, of Light Street; Mrs. B. H. Hicks; and Mrs. C. H. Kline, of Bloomsburg, Pa. The father was a life-long Methodist, a class leader, an earnest worker in the church, and a member of the board of trustees for many years, up to the time of his death.

Anna Eliza Eck, daughter of Reese Millard Eck, received her education in the old Berwick Academy, which she attended until her eighteenth year, proving an apt and discerning scholar. After the death of her father she made her home with her grandmother Eck, but for many years has resided in Berwick, where she is widely known and highly esteemed. She has interested herself in charitable and church work, and is a member of the Berwick Hospital Association. While she has leanings towards the Quaker Church, she attends the First Methodist Church of Berwick, and is active in the movements of the Ladies' Aid Society. During her long residence in the borough she has gained a wide acquaintance and has numerous appreciative friends.

ISAAC KLINE, a stonemason and cement contractor of Bloomsburg, and a veteran of the Civil war, was born in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, March 31, 1840, son of Harman Kline, a member of perhaps the largest family in Columbia county. The founder of the Kline family in America was a native of Germany and had a large family. Among his children were Abraham, Isaac and Harman Kline, all of whom settled in America in Colonial times.

Harman Kline, grandfather of Isaac and Abraham Kline, came to America with his wife and settled in Kingwood township, Hunterdon Co., N. J. In 1785 he moved to Columbia county, Pa., settling in what is now Mount Pleasant township, where he resided until his death. His children were Harman, John and Timothy.

Harman Kline, father of Isaac and Abraham Kline, was born in Germany in 1778 and came to America with his parents when but six months old. He was still a small child when the family moved to Mount Pleasant township. There he developed into a prosperous farmer, dying in 1851, his remains being laid at rest in the Vanderslice burying ground near Buckhorn. He was twice married and had twelve children by each wife. On Feb. 19, 1799, he married Susanna Gilbert, who was born Oct. 9, 1779, and their children were: (1) Harman, born Feb. 13, 1800, resided in Ohio at the time of his death. (2) Margaret was born June 26, 1801. (3) Jacob, born Sept. 10, 1802, died in New York State. (4) Elizabeth, born Aug. 8, 1805, married Harry Stittler. (5) Joseph, born Nov. 10, 1807, died in Missouri. (6) Susanna, born Oct. 2, 1809, married Godfrey Melick. (7) John, born Nov. 27, 1811, died in Columbia county. (8) George, born Aug. 10, 1813, died in New York State. (9) Paul, born April 6, 1815, died in Columbia county. (10) Charity was born Feb. 21, 1817. (11) Mary Anne was born July 5, 1818. (12) Peggy married John Lake. Harman Kline was married the second time to Sarah Fox, who died in 1848, and their children were: Mahala, born March 15, 1828, married George Mordan; Mary Jane was born Dec. 16, 1829; Youzele (Ursula), born Sept. 4, 1832, married Jonathan Artman; Rebecca Ellen was born April 11, 1838; Isaac was born March 31, 1840; Abraham was born June 6, 1841; Isaiah was born Dec. 15, 1842; Sarah Elizabeth, born April 23, 1844, married Herman Fausey; James was born Nov. 29, 1846; three died in childhood.

Isaac Kline was obliged to live among strangers after the death of his parents, which occurred when he was a small child. Until he was eighteen years of age he worked out and gained what little schooling he could. At the age of twenty-two he enlisted in Company G, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and after nine months of service during the first part of the Civil war received an honorable discharge and returned home. He worked at the stonemason and plastering trade for a number of years in Eyer's Grove, Millville and portions of Mount Pleasant township, finally buying a farm in the latter section. In 1894 he left the farm and came to Bloomsburg, where he has since resided, engaged on concrete and stone work.

On Aug. 13, 1863, Isaac Kline married Sarah Kitchen, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (DeMott) Kitchen, and they have had the following children: Fannie J., wife of Henry Brunstettler, of Easton, Pa., has eleven children, Carola, Edith, Mary, Jesse, Emily, Walter, Florence, Annie, Homer, Winifred and Mildred; Henry M., who farms the homestead he purchased from his father, in Mount Pleasant township, married Jennie McMichael, daughter of John and Rebecca (Evans) McMichael, and has seven children, Edna, Blake, Helen, Florence, Ruth, Esther and Zerbin; Elizabeth resides at home.

Isaac Kline is a member of J. P. Eves Post, No. 536, G. A. R., of Millville; Oriental Lodge, No. 460, F. & A. M., and Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg; and the Veterans' Association. He and his family are Methodists. He is popular with the people of Bloomsburg, and notwithstanding his age is frequently engaged at his trade on buildings in that town.

ABRAHAM KLINE, brother of Isaac, was born June 6, 1841, in Mount Pleasant township, where he still resides. Like his brother Isaac he was obliged to work among strangers during most of his childhood. When the Civil war broke out he endeavored to enlist, but not until he reached his majority in 1862 was he able to gratify his patriotic inclinations, and he entered Company I, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, serving for ten months. Returning home with an honorable discharge, he took up farming again, and did so well that in 1868 he bought the ninety-five acres of land in Orange township which he now owns. He developed it into one of the best farms in the county, but increasing infirmity has compelled him to relinquish his labors to the efficient hands of his son, Elmer Kline.

Abraham Kline married Fannie Stucky, of Luzerne county, Pa., and they had two children: E. W., a farmer of Orange township; and Cora A., who died in childhood. His second marriage was to Rebecca A. Melick, daughter of Godfrey Melick, and their children were: Elmer, residing at home and unmarried; Fannie, also residing at home and unmarried; Carrie and Bruce, who are deceased; and Susan, wife of A. C. Oblosser, of Orange township. Mr. Kline married for his third wife Rebecca K., widow of Benjamin Kinney, and daughter of Marshall G. Kinney and Hannah Yohe. By this marriage he has no children.

The Kline family, whose members have intermarried with other prominent families, is one of the largest in the State, and includes many of the substantial and well known citizens of Columbia county within its ranks. They are all responsible people, and in the main agriculturists, the greater number being located around Orangeville and Benton. Many of the younger members have settled in other States, where they have achieved success in various branches of agricultural and commercial pursuits.

OLIVER S. McHENRY, station agent of the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick Railroad Company at Berwick, Pa., was born Oct. 21, 1876, at Stillwater, in Fishingcreek township, Columbia county, son of Silas, grandson of Moses and great-grandson of Daniel McHenry.

Daniel McHenry, the first progenitor of the family in America, was born in the North of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish parentage. Coming to America prior to the Revolution, he enlisted and fought valiantly for his adopted country. He married Mary Stevens, sister of that noted officer of the war of 1812, Col. William Stevens, who was later a famous horseman of Steuben county, N. Y. Daniel McHenry came to Columbia county soon after the end of the Revolution and settled where the village of Stillwater is now located, and there built a log house, the first erected north of Orangeville. Soon after his wife followed him to their new home, where their nearest neighbor was at Orangeville, six miles distant, and their market for sale and purchase was at Northumberland, thirty-four miles away. Here they lived, labored, reared a family and died, leaving a rich heritage of honor and right living to their descendants. Their children were: Benjamin, a farmer and lumberman, who died on a raft on the Sus-

quehanna; Daniel, also a farmer and lumberman, who died on the home estate; John, the first male child born in this section of the county; Uriah, a shoemaker by trade; Moses; Elias, a colonel in the State militia; Mrs. Martha Colley; and Mrs. Susan Edgar. Daniel McHenry is buried at St. Gabriel's Church, in Sugarloaf township, and his wife in the Stillwater cemetery.

Moses McHenry, born on the old homestead in 1791, was a farmer and lumberman. He owned about three hundred acres of the family estate, to which he added two hundred acres by purchase. He rafted logs on the Susquehanna to tidewater and did a large business. He was a great hunter, and would frequently bring in over a hundred deer, which were carried to the Philadelphia markets. He was a strong Democrat, a member of the State militia, and one of the founders of the Christian Church at Stillwater, where he was the first man baptized by immersion. He passed to his final rest in 1855. He married Martha, daughter of James and Martha (Buchanan) Edgar, and they had children as follows: Cynthia, who married Samuel McHenry, of Benton township; Isabella, wife of Tunis Karns; Elias, a farmer and insurance agent; Mary, who married Samuel Appleman, of Stillwater; James, a merchant of Cambria, Luzerne county, who twice represented that county in the Legislature; John J., a merchant of Benton, Pa.; Ellen, who married John Evans, of Madison, Lackawanna county; Daniel, a storekeeper and landowner of Stillwater; Cyrus B., formerly associate judge of Columbia county; Martha, who married Hiram McHenry, of Fishingcreek township; and Silas, mentioned below.

Silas McHenry was educated in the subscription schools of the township, where he was born in 1833, and entered upon the work of farming at an early age on his father's farm, part of the old homestead. At the death of his father he inherited the tract of 160 acres, paid off the other heirs, and carried on the cultivation of the soil there until his death, June 8, 1885. He married Elmira A. McHenry, daughter of J. Deemer and Rachel (Stokes) McHenry, and they had children as follows: Grace, wife of Franklin L. Klose, of Benton; and Oliver S. Mr. McHenry was a Democrat and a member of the Christian Church, of which he was an elder and trustee at the time of his death. He is buried at Stillwater. Mrs. McHenry, who was born in 1846, is now living at Benton with her daughter.

Oliver S. McHenry obtained his schooling in the common schools of Stillwater and worked on neighbors' farms during his early youth, but he was ambitious, and as soon as the opportunity presented itself he took up telegraphy, at the age of sixteen, being made station agent at Orangeville, where he was retained for a period of three years. He then returned to the farm, which he had inherited from his father, and carried on the place for twelve years. He next worked for a time at Paper Mill, a station on the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick road, until appointed station agent at Berwick, having held the position for the past seven years. Mr. McHenry was formerly a councilman of the borough, and is a Democrat in politics. He is a member of Berwick Camp, No. 162, Modern Woodmen of America, which he has served as clerk for four years, and attends the German Reformed Church at Berwick.

On Oct. 27, 1897, Mr. McHenry married Mertie Herring, daughter of Alexander B. and Levina (Neyhard) Herring, and they have been blessed with the following children: Silas Morton, born Dec. 7, 1899; Clinton, born Dec. 9, 1900; and Daniel, who died when three years old.

Alexander B. Herring, father of Mrs. McHenry, is burgess of Orangeville, one of the oldest residents of the county, and prominent in the religious and social circles of the town.

ELMER FRANKLIN DEITRICK, foreman of the frame shop of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Bloomsburg, was born in that town Oct. 10, 1875, and attended the Third and Fifth street schools, graduating from the high school. In 1892 he went to work for the Bloomsburg School Furnishing Company, manufacturers of seats, desks, blackboards, etc., and in 1894 he entered the machine shop of the G. M. & J. K. Lockard Company, in the frame shop. In 1902 the firm was taken over by the American Car and Foundry Company, Mr. Deitrick retaining his position. When the plant was shut down in 1911 he went to the Magee carpet mill, where he remained for a year, changing to the Monroe Hall Furniture Company for a year. Upon the resumption of work at the car works in 1913 he was made foreman, under Superintendent Johnson.

On June 25, 1908, Mr. Deitrick married Susan, daughter of Theodore and Dora (Case) Mericle, of Bloomsburg, and they have had children as follows: Theodore, born July 9, 1909; Robert, born Sept. 10, 1911;

and Inez, born March 26, 1913. Mr. Deitrick is a Republican and a member of the German Reformed Church. He also belongs to Theta Castle, No. 276, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Bloomsburg.

William Deitrick, father of Elmer F., was born in 1849 in Pottsville, Pa., his parents moving to Bloomsburg when he was a child. Here he attended the common schools for a limited period, then entering the employ of the Irondale Furnace Company, with which he remained until the plant closed down. He next went to the machine shop of G. M. and J. K. Lockard, being employed in the frame department, continuing in that position when the American Car and Foundry Company absorbed the firm. When the latter plant closed down he was elected chief of police at Bloomsburg, and when the works opened up again he went back, and is still in the frame department. He married Elizabeth Hess, daughter of Jeremiah Hess, and they have had the following children: George, who married Katie Metz; Edmund, who married Amelia Bodman; Elmer Franklin, mentioned above; Martha, deceased wife of Clarence Piper, buried in Almedia cemetery; Rebecca; Margaret; and Hattie. Mr. Deitrick is a Republican, and socially a member of Council No. 146, Order of United American Mechanics.

Theodore Mericle, father of Mrs. Deitrick, was born at Buckhorn, Pa., in 1864, and was educated in the schools of his township. Coming to Bloomsburg, he engaged with Harman & Hassert in the construction of mine cars, going from that firm to the G. M. & J. K. Lockard Company. He is now engaged in contracting in Bloomsburg. In 1885 he married Dora, daughter of Ebenezer and Susan (Hartman) Case, and they became the parents of the following children: Albert, who married Lucille Stranahan; Daniel, who married Sadie Hummell; Mervin; Dale; Stanley; Ethel; Robert; Lois; Susan, wife of E. F. Deitrick, born March 13, 1887; and Mabel, Esther and Guy, all of whom died young and are buried at Almedia. Mr. Mericle is a Democrat and a member of the German Reformed Church. He also belongs to Theta Castle, No. 276, Knights of the Golden Eagle, at Bloomsburg.

Daniel Mericle, father of Theodore, had two other sons, William, a farmer of Osage, Iowa; and Jesse, farming in Constantine, Michigan.

Ebenezer Case, grandfather of Mrs. Deitrick, resided at Lime Ridge and was employed



in a boatyard at Espy, on the Pennsylvania canal. He was a member of the Evangelical Church and of the Odd Fellows lodge at Espy. He married Susan Hartman, and their children were: Emma, wife of Martin Giger; Manny, who married Nora Lamp; Myra, wife of Samuel Lehman; Breece, who died young; and Dora, who married Theodore Mericle.

WILLIAM E. ELMES, attorney at law, of Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in Berwick, Nov. 13, 1874, a son of William Elmes (born May 24, 1842—died Nov. 7, 1914) and Lucinda Vought Elmes (born Oct. 31, 1846—died Sept. 24, 1895).

Thomas Elmes, the grandfather of William E. Elmes, was born at Walthamstow, County of Essex, near London, England, Jan. 7, 1819, and died Oct. 3, 1890; he came to New York City in 1840 and located at Montville, N. J., where, Feb. 13, 1841, he married Lydia Barmore (born Oct. 4, 1823—died Jan. 30, 1892), later removing to Danville, Montour Co., Pa. Afterwards he operated a stone quarry along Little Roaring creek.

William Elmes was born at Montville, N. J., and early in life became self-supporting, being employed in the rail mill at Danville and also in the quarries of his father. On Oct. 21, 1862, he enlisted in Company F, 178th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia; was discharged July 27, 1863, at the expiration of the period of his enlistment; reenlisted March 17, 1864, in Company F, 2d Pennsylvania Regiment, Artillery, Pennsylvania Veteran Volunteers, and was discharged with his battery Jan. 29, 1866, at City Point, Va., having during his enlistments participated in many of the important battles of the Civil war, including those of Cold Harbor, the Wilderness campaign, and the siege of Petersburg (where, June 17, 1864, he was wounded, receiving a gunshot wound in his left arm and losing a finger from his left hand). At the close of the war proper he continued in the service in connection with the Freedmen's Bureau. He arrived at his home near Danville, Feb. 6, 1866, and was married April 3, 1866, to Lucinda Vought (daughter of Isaac Vought April 12, 1796-March 12, 1891) and Jane Schooley (July 25, 1807-1871).

Nine children were born to the marriage of William Elmes and Lucinda Vought: (1) Jennie, wife of George W. Miller, was born Feb. 7, 1867, at Danville, Pa. (2) Emma, wife of Bruce Fowler, was born Oct. 18, 1868, at Danville. (3) Lucinda, wife of Chester Marr, was born Nov. 29, 1870. (4) Eliza-

beth, wife of Ezra M. Smith, was born Nov. 29, 1870. (5) Alice, born Sept. 12, 1872, died May 3, 1874. (6) William E., was born Nov. 13, 1874. (7) Thomas Walter, born Sept. 25, 1877, died Dec. 9, 1880. (8) Edith, wife of John S. Meredith, born March 11, 1880, died April 19, 1905. (9) Josiah V., born April 20, 1884, died Oct. 4 (or 14), 1885.

During the year 1869 William Elmes removed from Danville to Berwick where he was employed by the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company and later by the American Car & Foundry Company, until 1903, when he retired, spending the remainder of his days in Berwick.

William E. Elmes attended the Berwick public schools, graduating in the class of 1893. For six years following his graduation he was employed during the summers in the Berwick rolling mill, and during the winters as a school teacher. After having taught six successive years, one in Franklin township; one in Briar-creek township and four in the grammar grades of the Berwick public schools, he entered the law school connected with Dickinson College, in Carlisle, Pa., in 1899, graduating in the two years' course with the class of 1901 and in the three years' course in the class of 1902; was admitted to practice in the Cumberland county courts June 4, 1902; to the Supreme court of Pennsylvania June 4, 1902, and to the bar of Columbia county Sept. 1, 1902. He has since practiced his profession in Berwick.

On Oct. 22, 1903, Mr. Elmes married Lillian Corkins, daughter and only child of Frank Corkins (born June 15, 1839—died Dec. 9, 1908) and Fannie Baucher Corkins (born Jan. 11, 1846—died May 12, 1910). The parents of Mrs. Elmes were married June 15, 1872. Mrs. Corkins was the eldest daughter of David Baucher (born July 27, 1822—died Jan. 30, 1899) and Rachel Seybert Baucher (born July 2, 1825—died July 11, 1900).

David Baucher, the grandfather of Mrs. Elmes, was one of Berwick's leading citizens and contractors; and served for many years as a member of council, as president of council, as chief burgess, as constable, and as member of the school board, and was also officially connected with the Methodist Episcopal Church of Berwick as president of the board of trustees.

The grandmother of Mrs. Elmes was Rachel (Seybert) Baucher, daughter of Nicholas Seybert and granddaughter of Sebastian Sey-



William E. Elmes



bert, a Revolutionary soldier. Mrs. Elmes belongs to the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Berwick.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Elmes has been blessed with one child, Frank Corkins Elmes, born Oct. 1, 1906, who, at this writing, is a pupil in the third grade of the Berwick public schools.

Professionally Mr. Elmes is a member of the Columbia County Bar; fraternally, he belongs to Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A.; Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.; Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. and A. M.; Caldwell Consistory, Scottish Rite, of Bloomsburg; Irem Temple, Mystic Shriners, of Wilkes-Barre. He is a past master of the local Masonic lodge and a past president of the P. O. S. of A.

MRS. MARTHA ELMA (SCHWEP-PENHEISER) KNECHT, a resident of Berwick, Pa., who was born May 8, 1858, on a farm in Mifflin township, Columbia county, is a daughter of Abram and Elizabeth Pendred (Clark) Schweppenheiser.

Philip Schweppenheiser, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Knecht, was born in Gensingen, Germany, in 1754, and came to the United States as a young man, participating in several battles of the Revolutionary war. In his latter years he located in Columbia county, Pa., and here passed away in the faith of the Lutheran Church. He married Safronica Brunner, of the same part of Germany, and both are buried in the Mifflin cemetery. Their children were as follows: Jacob, who married Rebecca Sutton; Philip, who married Catherine Fenstermacher; Elizabeth, who married John Aten; Catherine, who married George Longenberger; Susan, who married William Miller; and Mary, who died unmarried.

Jacob Schweppenheiser, son of Philip Schweppenheiser, and grandfather of Mrs. Knecht, was born in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., in 1790, and died in 1865. He married Rebecca Sutton, who was born in New Jersey, and died about 1881, and their children were as follows: Sarah Ann, who married Peter Grover; Lydia, who married John Shreck; Abram; Isaac, who married Julia Poff; Francis; Jacob; and Horace, who married Frances Seybert. Mr. and Mrs. Grover are buried in Brown's cemetery; Mr. and Mrs. Shreck, Abram and his wife, Elizabeth Schweppenheiser, Isaac and Mrs. Julia Schweppenheiser, and Francis and Jacob

Schweppenheiser, were laid to rest in the Mifflin cemetery; Horace Schweppenheiser was interred in the cemetery at Hazleton, Pa. Mr. Schweppenheiser, the father of this family, was a Democrat in politics and a German Lutheran in his religious belief. He was a prominent citizen and very wealthy, owning over six hundred acres of land. He was the owner of his own sawmill, carried on general farming, and also did a general huckstering business, frequently driving three teams at once to Pottsville, Pa. A staunch friend of education, he built the first log schoolhouse in the township, in which his own and his neighbors' children were educated by Lawrence Waters, a schoolmaster from New Jersey. He also built the first private pay schoolhouse in Mifflin township, and the first public school.

Abram Schweppenheiser, son of Jacob Schweppenheiser, and father of Mrs. Knecht, was born Jan. 3, 1822, and died June 9, 1909, in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa. His wife, Elizabeth Pendred Clark, was born Feb. 21, 1827, and died Dec. 5, 1910, and both were buried in the Mifflin cemetery. Their children were as follows: The eldest was stillborn; Fannie Rebecca died in young womanhood; Catherine Rachel married Saron Hendershott, who is deceased; Eldora Summers married Milton Lehman; Lydia Alice married A. A. Bredbenner; Martha Elma married Jacob Knecht; Miranda Elizabeth married Rush Wintersteen; Wilmina Jane married Walter Moomey. Mr. Schweppenheiser was a Democrat in politics, and was honored by his fellow citizens with election to various offices, being overseer of the poor, school director and supervisor. He was a consistent and active German Lutheran, and donated the greater part of the money and material for the building of the Lutheran Church at Mifflin. During the Civil war he was a most ardent patriot. His acts of charity included the providing of money to purchase substitutes for many of his neighbors and for the supporting of soldiers' families while the men were at the front.

Martha Elma (Schweppenheiser) Knecht, daughter of Abram Schweppenheiser, received her education in the public schools, and at the age of eight years went to live as a companion with her grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Schweppenheiser, with whom she resided until her marriage, May 8, 1875, to Jacob Knecht.

JACOB KNECHT was born at Mainville, Pa., Oct. 24, 1856, son of Abram and Sarah Knecht. He is an influential Democrat of his

community and a valued member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, at Berwick; his wife is a member of the Patriotic Daughters of America, an auxiliary of the P. O. S. of A., has been financial secretary of this organization for seven years, and is also a member of the Ladies of the Golden Eagle. She takes an active and helpful interest in the work of the Bower Memorial Church, of which she has been a member for thirty-two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Knecht have had the following children: One son was stillborn Nov. 5, 1876; Abram Clark, born Jan. 1, 1878, died Jan. 7, 1878; Clarence Cleveland, born Sept. 10, 1884, died Oct. 27, 1885; Elizabeth Zora, born May 4, 1881, is the widow of Simeon Ryder, who met his death by drowning while on a fishing trip to Jonestown, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick (the one daughter of this union, Martha Esther, was born Feb. 25, 1907); Margaret Ethel, born Dec. 31, 1888, married George L. Kershner, and has one son, Luther, born Dec. 27, 1911.

AMOS W. DREIBELBIS, a farmer and justice of the peace of Mount Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in that township Oct. 18, 1852, son of Elias Dreibelbis and grandson of Abraham Dreibelbis, who was a native of Berks county.

The early home of the Dreibelbis family was in Southeastern Switzerland, originally a part of the German empire. John Jacob Dreibelbis, the founder of the American branch, came from Hannesthal, Switzerland, Oct. 26, 1732, landing at Philadelphia. In 1743 he went to Berks county and settled on a farm near Fleetwood. He became a large landowner, in 1759 being the largest taxpayer in Richmond township. He married a daughter of George Merkel, and they had six children: Abraham, Martin, Jacob, Mary Elizabeth, Mary Magdalena and Philopena.

Abraham Dreibelbis, grandfather of Amos W., came from Berks county to Columbia county and located at Espy, where he married and had the following family: Isaac, Jacob, David, Elias, Margaret and Catharine.

Elias Dreibelbis was a carpenter by trade, engaged on the construction of gristmills and in general contracting. In the latter part of his life he bought 150 acres of land in Mount Pleasant township, upon which he settled and farmed for the rest of his days. He died at the age of eighty and was buried near the log church in Madison township. He married Sarah Shoemaker, and they had the following

children: Mary Catherine, wife of George Oman; Emeline, wife of Emanuel Gilbert; Francis; Stewart, who married Elizabeth Victor; Amos W.; Justice D.; Marion L., who married Maggie Abbott; and Alice, wife of Lloyd Kelchner.

Amos W. Dreibelbis was educated in the public schools of the township and took up the trade of bricklayer, which he followed for thirty years. He then began farming, commencing on a small scale, and now has a fine farm of 106 acres, which he is cultivating intensively. In 1880 he married Anna L. Ikeler, daughter of Eric and Caroline (Crouse) Ikeler, and their children are: Mary A.; Caroline, wife of Clark B. Artman; Carl C., who was a student at the Bloomsburg State Normal School and Gettysburg College, taught school for five years, and is now attending Columbia University, New York City; Elizabeth V., a graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal, class of 1907, now teaching in Centre township; Ida M., a graduate of the class of 1908, Bloomsburg State Normal, and now teaching in the Mount Pleasant high school; Arthur E.; M. Esther; Ruth; and Stewart.

Mr. Dreibelbis is a Democrat, has served as trustee of the school board, and is now entering his third term as justice of the peace. He belongs to the Methodist Church, was formerly an Odd Fellow, and is a member of the Light Street Grange.

ARIAS J. BERNINGER, undertaker and furniture dealer, of Mifflinville, Columbia Co., Pa., was born Nov. 27, 1839, son of Aaron and Anna (Yost) Berninger, died aged sixty-one years.

Aaron Berninger was born in Berks county, Pa., and came to Columbia county at an early day. A millwright by trade, he followed that calling and continued to reside in Columbia county until his death, which took place at Catawissa when he was aged nearly seventy-four years. During the latter part of his life he worked as a carpenter and he was always a busy, useful man. His wife was born in Columbia county, her family having early settled here, and she died at the age of sixty-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Berninger are buried at Mainville.

Arias J. Berninger was educated in Columbia county and when sixteen years old began learning cabinetmaking, his first employment being secured at Ashland, Pa. Later he located at Mainville, Columbia county, where he embarked in the furniture and undertaking

business with his father, thus continuing until 1866. For the next four years he carried on business alone, and in 1870 came to Mifflinville and erected his present building, which he has since occupied as a furniture and undertaking establishment.

In 1862 Arias J. Berninger married Rebecca J. Shuman, who was born in Mainville, Oct. 24, 1843, daughter of Rudolph and Susan (Seidel) Shuman, natives of Columbia county. Mr. Shuman was a very successful farmer and highly respected. He long made Mifflinville his home, and during the latter part of his life he and his wife moved to Mainville, where both died. Mr. and Mrs. Berninger have had one son, Rudolph A., born Aug. 20, 1868, who married Stella Emerick, of Hazleton, Pa., and has six children: Esther, Sanford, Marjorie, Florence, Howard and Dorothy.

Arias J. Berninger is a Democrat. He served as constable and tax collector at Mainville. He and his wife belong to the Lutheran Church of Mifflinville, and are interested in its good work.

LEGRAND S. JACOBY, fire insurance and real estate agent, of Berwick, Pa., was born Sept. 5, 1864, in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, and is a son of John G. Jacoby.

John G. Jacoby was born in Coopersburg, Pa., in 1831, and educated in the village schools. In 1852 he came to Briarcreek, where he worked as a huckster and ran a mill and grocery store for four years. He then moved to Espy for a short time, returning to Briarcreek, where he was married Jan. 24, 1856, to Fannie, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Shellhammer) Sponenberg, of Black Creek, Luzerne county. They had five children: Legrand S.; and Laura Amanda, Albert Franklin, Isaiah and John Wesley, all of whom died young. Mr. Jacoby ran the first confectionery and bakery in Berwick. He was a Democrat, and served as constable and justice of the peace. Fraternally he was a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M.; Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.; and Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta. Mr. Jacoby died Feb. 6, 1895, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick.

Legrand S. Jacoby attended the old brick schoolhouse in Briarcreek township, and then in 1872 went to the public schools of Berwick. He graduated from the high school, entered the car shop of the Jackson & Woodin Company, and was an axle turner when he left

in 1893 and took up the real estate and fire insurance business. Since 1895 he has represented Derr Brothers, of Wilkes-Barre. He married Anna B. Kling, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Riegel) Kling, of Clinton county, and they have two children: Mary J., born May 24, 1896; and John K., born Jan. 21, 1898.

Mr. Jacoby is a Republican, a member of the Methodist Church, and socially belongs to Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M.; Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.; Berwick Encampment, No. 131, and Berwick Canton, No. 23; Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A., and W. T. Sherman Commandery, No. 23, P. O. S. of A.; and Berwick Council, No. 176, Royal Arcanum. He has been treasurer of the Berwick Beneficial Association for eleven years, and is secretary of the Merchants' Protective Association and member of the board of directors of the Berwick Athletic Association.

CHARLES CULP, one of the reliable and substantial citizens of Berwick, holding a responsible position with the American Car and Foundry Company, was born Nov. 2, 1860, on a farm near Almedia, Columbia Co., Pa., son of Reuben and Annie (Hagenbuch) Culp.

Reuben Culp was born April 13, 1813, at Summerhill, Columbia county, and died in April, 1890, at the age of seventy-seven years. He was buried in the Light Street cemetery. Mr. Culp was an energetic and enterprising farmer, and through industry and thrift acquired the ownership of a farm of 140 acres in the vicinity of Light Street, also adding to his income by hauling ore for the firm of William Neal & Sons of Bloomsburg. As a citizen he performed every duty devolving upon him, and fairly earned, through honorable means, the respect and esteem in which he was held by those who had occasion to come into contact with him. A Republican in his political views, he was stanch in his support of that party's principles and candidates, but was not a seeker after personal preferment, and did not hold office. Throughout his life Mr. Culp was a faithful member of the Evangelical Church, to which his wife also belonged. Mr. Culp bore the maiden name of Annie Hagenbuch, and was a daughter of Isaac Hagenbuch, of Summerhill, Pa., who was for some years a farmer of that vicinity and is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Culp became the parents of the following children: Alfred, who married Fidelia Mosteller and (second) Orlevia M. Sponenberg; Samantha Jane, who became the wife of P. M. Keller;

Hannah Margaret, who married Rev. W. M. Croman, of the Evangelical Church; and Charles.

Mrs. Annie (Hagenbuch) Culp had the following brothers and sisters: Rachel; Sarah, who became the wife of Freas Fowler; Hannah, who married Isaiah Bower; Caroline, who married George Beam; William, who married Mary Keller; and Samuel, who married a Miss Evans and (second) Sarah Knorr.

After completing the curriculum of the public schools of Light Street, Charles Culp became a student in Orangeville Academy, and after graduating from that institution secured a license which permitted him to teach in the public schools. One year as an educator satisfied him that he did not care for that calling, and he accordingly sought other employment, taking a position as car builder for G. M. and J. K. Lockard, whose plant was known as the Bloomsburg Car Works. On the suspension of business by that firm Mr. Culp secured employment with Silas Young, who was conducting a general merchandise and lumber business at Light Street, and continued with that gentleman for seven years, gaining in the meantime much valuable experience in business matters. Upon his return to the Bloomsburg Car Works he again took up the work of car builder, but after a short time his knowledge of mercantile affairs won him a position as clerk in the company's store, and there he remained for four and a half years. Mr. Culp was then elected the second paid policeman in Bloomsburg, under Wesley Knorr, and held that position for about two years, at the end of which time he resigned and went back to the Bloomsburg Car Works, which then had been acquired by the Bloomsburg Car Manufacturing Company, and for one year was foreman. When the plant was taken over by the American Car and Foundry Company Mr. Culp was retained as foreman, and continued in that capacity until the plant was closed down. On March 26, 1904, Mr. Culp and the manager, W. P. Meigs, were transferred to the Berwick plant, where Mr. Culp was employed in looking after templates and export shipments that had been transferred from the Bloomsburg plant. This employment continued for something short of a year, and when the Bloomsburg plant was reopened, Jan. 1, 1905, Mr. Culp was sent back to that branch, remaining one year and six months. In the fall of 1907 he again came to Berwick, where he had charge of the wood shop during nights from Nov. 1st to January, 1908, and since that time has held various

positions, all of responsibility and trust. In 1911 he was in the passenger coach department, from which he was transferred in June, 1911, to the wood machine department, where he was foreman for two years. In April, 1913, he was made general foreman of the wood machine department, a position which he still retains. Mr. Culp is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the work of his section. He has won promotion through earnest and honest effort, and strict fidelity to his company's interests. He can be relied upon to discharge faithfully and capably every duty devolving upon him, and as a result is accounted one of the concern's most trusted and valued employees. Politically he is like his father, a Republican, and also like him has taken only a good citizen's interest in matters of a public nature. He has allied himself with movements which have promised civic betterment, and has always been a friend of progress in the fields of education, morality and good citizenship. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church, and his fraternal affiliation with Van Camp Lodge, No. 140, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Bloomsburg.

Mr. Culp married Anna Pursel, daughter of Robert and Mary (Chamberlain) Pursel, of Light Street, both of whom are now deceased and buried in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg. Five children were born to this union, as follows: Clifton Pursel, born April 29, 1883; Charles Paul, born April 2, 1890, who married Jennie Edwards and resides at Berwick; Robert Clayton, born April 28, 1893; Monroe Henry, born Oct. 25, 1898; and Ruth Anna, born Sept. 16, 1900, now attending the schools of Berwick.

John Pursel, the father of Robert Pursel, and grandfather of Mrs. Culp, came from the State of New Jersey and located near Bloomsburg, Pa. He was a blacksmith by trade, and followed that calling throughout his life at Bloomsburg, where he passed away at an advanced age.

Robert Pursel, father of Mrs. Culp, was born in Hemlock township, Columbia Co., Pa., and as a young man learned the trade of blacksmith under his father's tuition. He resided in Hemlock township until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in a regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers as bugler, and continued to serve during three years of the war. On receiving his honorable discharge he returned to his home and took up blacksmithing at Bloomsburg, but after a number of years spent at that calling rented a farm

at Light Street, and there passed the remainder of his life in tilling the soil. Mr. Pursel married Mary Chamberlain, and they became the parents of the following children: Ella, who married Alfred Freas; Isaiah, who married Martha Clayton and (second) Ella Everett; Mary, who married G. M. Hagenbuch; Anna, who became the first wife of Mr. Culp; Henry J., who married Amelia Kistler; and Emma J., who became the wife of Alfred Zeigler.

Mr. Culp's second marriage was to Miss Norah Ploch, of Danville, Montour Co., Pa., daughter of Frederick and Priscilla Ploch, farming people, honored residents of Frosty Valley. There are no children by this union.

Frederick Ploch, the father of Mrs. Culp, was born in Germany, and like many others of his countrymen who could see naught in the future for them in their native country save a life of hard work, with little chances of becoming independent, early decided to try his fortune in the land across the waters, and when still little more than a youth emigrated to America. In his native Fatherland he had learned the trade of wheelwright, and this vocation he pursued upon locating in the United States, and in addition thereto was a miner for some years. With German thrift and industry he accumulated some capital, which he invested in a farm, establishing a home in Frosty Valley, Montour county, where he subsequently became the owner of a handsome and valuable property of 150 acres. The remainder of his active career was passed in the cultivation of the soil, and both he and his wife died in the vicinity of Danville. Frederick Ploch married Priscilla Heist, who came from near Bloomsburg, and they became the parents of the following children: Charles, who married Ella Goettings; Bruce, who married Sarah Wampole; Lillian; Ida, who married Charles Brobst; Ada; Rose; and Norah, who became Mrs. Culp.

**HENRY J. EDWARDS**, a farmer, was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., June 1, 1839, a son of Edward and Martha T. (Holloway) Edwards.

Edward Edwards is the first known ancestor of this family. His son John was married to a Stall, in 1774, and settled in Sandar county, Va., near Fairfax. His sister, Mrs. Jesse Stall, persuaded him to move to New Jersey, where he raised his family, after which he moved to Pennsylvania, settling north of Berwick, in Columbia county.

William Edwards, the grandfather of

Henry J., came to Briarcreek township, Columbia county, and bought a farm of 300 acres at Summerhill, where he died in 1858. He married Margaret Shellhammer, and they had the following children: Nathan, John, Edward, William, Samuel, Betsy, Katie and Margaret.

Edward Edwards, the father, was born on his father's farm in Briarcreek township. For a number of years he was in the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company. He married Martha T. Holloway, who died at the home of her son, Henry J. Edwards, where she had lived for ten years, when in her ninety-third year. Nine children were born to Edward and Martha T. Edwards, of whom Josiah died at Dewart, Pa., being accidentally killed on the railroad (he first married a Creasy, and he left a widow and five children); Catherine, who married Augustus Pierce and (second) Soparus Smethers, is living retired at Berwick (she had two sons); Henry J. is mentioned below; Lucy Jane, who is the widow of William Lynn, of Briar Creek, had eight children; Emily married Silas Lynn, an employee of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company of Berwick; William lives in Maryland; Nathan is deceased; two died young. The father died June 15, 1889, aged seventy-six years ten months seven days, and both the parents are buried at Summerhill.

Henry J. Edwards obtained his education in the district schools, and from boyhood has been interested in agricultural pursuits. He has been an active and useful citizen and at times has served with efficiency in public office, for two years being overseer of the poor and for two years township supervisor.

On Nov. 7, 1861, Mr. Edwards was married to Sarah Roup, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Unangst) Roup of Easton, Pa., and the following children were born to them: Margaret Ann married Ambrose Bower, of Centre township, and they have two children; Sabina E. married Harry Barnard, of Philadelphia, and they have five children; Minnie L. died at the age of four years; Alverna M. married Reuben Miller, of Foundryville, and of their four children, one, Margaret B., survives; Sarah R. married William Harmon, of Berwick, and they have had two children, besides an adopted daughter, Viola Sorber; Mary Etta married Calvin Kelchner, a farmer in Briarcreek township, and they have had five children, one being deceased; Frank Wester died at the age of eleven years; Daniel W., who is a farmer in Centre township, married



Ada Kocher, and three of their four children survive; Ralph Henry, a resident of Berwick, married Olive Harmon and two of their three children survive; Bertha E. is the wife of Robert Dietrich, an employee of the American Car and Foundry Company, and three of their four children are living; Harry Ambrose, who is a farmer in Centre township, married Grace Fairman, and has one child. Mr. Edwards and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church at Summerhill. He was chairman of the building committee when the new church was under construction, and has also been steward and trustee. He is a member of Washington Camp, No. 117, P. O. S. of A., at Fowlerville.

DANIEL W. HOLLY, late of Berwick, was born in Clearfield county, Pa., Feb. 9, 1836, son of Daniel W. and Sarah (Rogers) Holly.

Silas Holly, his grandfather, was born in Connecticut, and after the end of his service as a soldier in the Revolutionary war emigrated to Orange county, N. Y., where he followed farming until the end of his life. The name of his wife was Esther.

Daniel W. Holly, son of Silas and Esther Holly, was born in Orange county, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1795, and grew to manhood there. He also saw military service, enlisting for the war of 1812 from New York. Later he moved to Clearfield county, Pa., where he followed the trade of tailor and remained until the close of his life, his death occurring June 10, 1844. He married Sarah Rogers, who was born June 12, 1799, and died June 11, 1844. She was a daughter of Robert and Mary Rogers, early settlers in Luzerne county, her father a soldier in the war of the Revolution. Daniel W. and Sarah (Rogers) Holly had six children, five daughters and one son. The last survivor of the family, Mrs. Maria S. Ogden, was a resident of West Clearfield, Pa., and died Feb. 1, 1914.

Daniel W. Holly, son of Daniel W. Holly, came to Luzerne county, Pa., from Clearfield county, May 29, 1859, and worked on a farm for a short time. When the Civil war was precipitated he enlisted at Cambra, Luzerne county, Sept. 2, 1861, becoming a corporal of Company A, 52d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served all through the war, having reenlisted in the field Jan. 1, 1864. He was under the command of Col. John C. Dodd, of Williamsport, later of Henry M. Hoyt of Wilkes-Barre, Col. John M. Cunningham, of Wilkes-Barre, and a part of the time was

under the brave General Negley. He took part in many serious battles and was wounded at the battle of Fair Oaks. Prior to his honorable discharge, July 12, 1865, at Harrisburg, Pa., he was connected with that branch of the army commanded by General Sherman. He held the rank of sergeant in his company.

In 1867 Mr. Holly came to Berwick and secured farm work in the neighborhood for a short time. Then he entered the employ of the Jackson Woodin Manufacturing Company, with which concern he remained for sixteen years. After severing the above relation he followed the carpenter's trade until he retired from active life. He was a member of the Capt. C. G. Jackson Post, No. 159, G. A. R., at Berwick, from Jan. 16, 1880. In addition to Mr. Holly's service in the Civil war he was otherwise connected with military life, for five years serving as captain in the Jackson Guards, Company D, 17th Regiment, 9th Division, Pennsylvania State Militia, of Berwick.

On Nov. 11, 1860, Mr. Holly was married to Matilda Eveland, of Cambra, Pa., who was born July 11, 1839, a daughter of Daniel Eveland, a farmer of Luzerne county. Mr. and Mrs. Holly had two children, the one survivor being George E. Holly, born March 8, 1866, now manager and secretary of the Weimer Chain Works at Lebanon, Lebanon Co., Pa.; he married Cora Young, and they have had six children, five living and one deceased: Henry F., Pearl E., Mabel M., George E. and Dorothy surviving, the third born, William W., having passed away.

Mr. Holly was a member of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, to which his widow also belongs, and was a very active church worker, serving as assistant class leader and helping to organize the Sunday school. He was a great student of the New Testament, which he read through 145 times in nine years. His death occurred Dec. 11, 1913. He and his wife occupied her present home at Berwick for a quarter of a century.

VERNER E. FRITZ, a merchant of Bloomsburg, senior member of the firm of Fritz & Fritz, was born in Jackson township, Columbia county, July 6, 1878, son of Jasper N. Fritz and a grandson of Josiah Fritz.

Josiah Fritz spent his life in Sugarloaf township, Columbia county, where he farmed until death claimed him. His children were: B. Frank, Josiah P., Floyd, William, Jasper N., Rosetta, Anna, Elizabeth and Catherine.

Jasper N. Fritz was born in Sugarloaf

township, and operated the old homestead of his father for some years, but later went to Jackson township, where he became one of the substantial agriculturists of his locality. He is now residing near Waller. Jasper N. Fritz married Belle Girton, and they have had children: Verner E., Eugene, Rush M., Arthur, Maynard, Edwin, William, Anna and Emma.

Verner E. Fritz was educated in the public schools of his native place and the Benton high school, and later attended a summer school held at Ganoga. Having thus prepared himself, he entered Susquehanna University. Finishing his course in that institution, he began clerking for Low Brothers at Lime Ridge, Columbia county, remaining with this firm for six years. Mr. Fritz then engaged with the Bell Telephone Company at Bloomsburg, continuing this association for two years, when in 1911 he bought the business owned by J. W. Crawford, a grocer and dry goods merchant on Main street, Bloomsburg, and with his brother formed the firm of Fritz & Fritz. They now have a large business, and both partners have won appreciation and favor by their comprehensive grasp of details and their proved ability to serve their customers fairly and expeditiously.

On Oct. 4, 1905, Mr. Fritz married Florence Yorks, a daughter of C. E. Yorks, of Benton, Pa., and they have three children: Martha, Charles and Catherine. Socially Mr. Fritz is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg. A Methodist in religious faith, he takes an active part in the work of his church.

RUSH M. FRITZ, junior member of the firm of Fritz & Fritz, was born in Jackson township, Columbia county, and educated in the public schools of his native place. He remained at home until twenty years old, when he went to Staten Island, N. Y., to take charge of a large farm for E. T. Butler, remaining with him for seven years, when he came to Bloomsburg to go into business with his brother.

Rush M. Fritz married Susie Tubbs, a daughter of J. C. Tubbs, of Elk Grove, Columbia county, and they have one son, Jasper, and one daughter, Dorothy.

CHARLES E. HULL, whose life as a private citizen and foreman of the lumberyard of the American Car and Foundry Company has been above reproach, is one of the substantial residents of Berwick, where he was born March 28, 1856, son of William C. and Mary E. (Bahl) Hull.

William C. Hull was born at Berwick, Pa., in 1830, and died on Long Island, N. Y., in the McDougall hospital, in 1865. He was a son of Aaron Hull, a native of Easton, Pa., a millwright by trade, who located at Berwick and there served as toll collector at the Berwick bridge for a number of years. His death occurred in 1867, when he was sixty-nine years old. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife, Elizabeth McPherson, died in 1858, aged fifty-six years. Children as follows were born to them: Esther, who married Samuel E. Smith; William; Edward B., who married Mary Hutton; Mary E., who married Joseph D. Thompson; and Catherine, who married Jeremiah H. Mears.

Growing up at Berwick, William C. Hull became a butcher and was carrying on a successful business when he felt the call of duty and enlisted for service as a member of the 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Capt. Augustus Rush, during the Civil war. He acted as dispatch bearer, and died of a fever contracted while in the army. His wife was a daughter of Rev. Isaiah and Julia (Snyder) Bahl. Mr. and Mrs. Hull had the following children: Isaiah B. died young; Warren W. died young; Charles E. married Bertha Gearhart; Frank, born in 1855, married Lydia Jones, and died in 1896, being buried in Pine Grove cemetery. William C. Hull was a Republican in political faith. His religious home was in St. John's Lutheran Church of Berwick. Fraternally he belonged to Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.

Charles Edmund Hull was educated in the old academy under Miss Deitterich and at the Soldiers' Orphans' Schools, first entering the one at Orangeville, whence he was transferred to Hartford, Susquehanna Co., Pa. After leaving school he learned the carpenter's trade at Shenandoah, under Jeremiah Mears, following which he went to Duke Center, Pa., in 1877, and there worked at his trade for six months. During the succeeding eighteen months he traveled through Western States, working as a carpenter, and returning to Berwick was made foreman for the Jackson & Woodin Company, later the American Car and Foundry Company, being engaged in the lumber yard.

Mr. Hull married Bertha Gearhart, a daughter of George and Lola Gearhart, of Cambria, Pa., and they had a son, William G., born Feb. 22, 1890, now clerk at the lumberyard of the American Car and Foundry Company. After losing his first wife Mr. Hull

married Della, daughter of Esau and Elizabeth (Whitenight) Shoemaker. One son, Glenmore C., was born of this marriage Dec. 4, 1894. Mr. Hull is a Democrat, and very active in the deliberations and work of his party. Bower Memorial Church has in him an earnest and effective worker, and he enjoys his connection with that congregation.

The history of the Shoemaker family is worthy of notice. The first of this family of whom there is definite mention was Abraham Shoemaker, who was born near Buckhorn, Pa., where he spent his life. His children were as follows: Jane, who married Benjamin Shoemaker; Margaret, who married Thomas Jones; John; Martin; Sarah, who married Jacob Harris; and Esau G.

Esau G. Shoemaker was born at Buckhorn, Columbia Co., Pa., in 1828, and died in October, 1898. He was buried at Dutch Hill. A miner, he worked in the vicinity of both Bloomsburg and Buckhorn. By his first marriage, to a Miss Old, he had two children, namely: Clarence, who married Elizabeth Sardis, is buried at Dutch Hill; William married Elizabeth Hillmer. After the death of his first wife Esau G. Shoemaker married Elizabeth Whitenight, and they had the following family: Ida who died young, is buried in Vanderslice's cemetery at Buckhorn; Sadie, born Jan. 1, 1865, married William Pursel; Della, born Aug. 10, 1868, married Charles E. Hull; Harriet E., born March 27, 1872, married Miles Pursel; George C. married Pearl Kitchen. In political sentiment he was a Democrat, but confined his activities to his private affairs. The Methodist Church had in him one of its most enthusiastic workers, and he carried into his everyday life the faith he professed, living up to it in a way worthy of emulation by those of the present generation.

Elizabeth Whitenight, mother of Mrs. Hull, was a daughter of John Whitenight. She was born Oct. 31, 1838, in Madison township, Columbia Co., Pa., and had the following brothers and sisters: George, who married Chrissie Foulk; Margaret, who married Peter Hayman; Anna, who married Martin Kline; Mary, who married Thomas Ohlman; Emeline, who married Clay Mills; and Sarah, who died young.

REV. FATHER EDWARD A. BURHARD, pastor of St. Columba's Catholic Church, at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, has been stationed in Pennsylvania ever since he took orders, and has had his present charge since May, 1910. Its excellent condition is

so much the result of his labors that though he has been pastor only a few years there are few details of the church life which do not show the effect of his wholesome and vigorous policy.

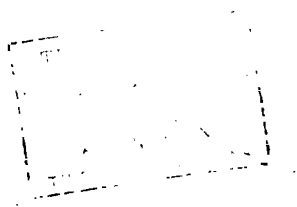
Father Burhard was born March 15, 1875, at Newton, N. J., son of Anthony and Anna (Monhahan) Burhard. His father, a native of Germany, was in business as a merchant at Newton. He received a thorough preparatory education at St. Charles College, Ellicott City, Md., and Seaton Hall, South Orange, N. J., where he was graduated in 1893, and had his theological training at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Md. He was ordained June 19, 1898, and in March, 1906, took charge of the congregation at Bonneauville, Adams Co., Pa., where he erected a fine church, begun in 1907 and dedicated in June, 1908. From Bonneauville in October, 1909, he was transferred to Middletown, Pa., where he remained but seven months, on May 29, 1910, taking up his duties at St. Columba's Church at Bloomsburg. The present fine church, erected entirely under his supervision, is a structure 85 by 43 feet in dimensions, located at the corner of East Third and Iron streets. It was begun June 27, 1911, and the outside was finished in November of that year, the rest of the work going on with the same expedition. It is of Bloomsburg pressed brick, finished with Hummelstown brownstone, and the contractor's bid placed the cost at \$19,000, but by personally exerting himself in the work of construction and purchase of materials Father Burhard succeeded in having it completed for \$14,000. All the church property presents a fine appearance and shows systematic and intelligent management. Father Burhard had the fine two and a half story dwelling moved from the site of the church to the west and uses it as a residence. He has in various other ways improved the holdings of St. Columba's very materially.

Eighty families are included in the parish, about four hundred souls in all, and Father Burhard has taken advantage of every opportunity to broaden its work.

MERTON LEVI JARRARD, a member of the well known family of that name, was born in Berwick, Feb. 17, 1867, son of William P. Jarrard, whose history appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Jarrard attended the public schools of the town until his fifteenth year, when he entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, in the wood car department, where he remained



*Rev Edward A. Burkhard*



for two years. He then began his apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade with his father, with whom he continued until the father's death, after which he conducted the business himself for a period of eighteen years, having his shop at Eighth and Pine streets, where he gained a reputation for high class workmanship and honest dealing. For the last eight years he has had charge of the plant of the Abrams Shirt Manufacturing Company, attending to all the mechanical, electrical and engineering work there.

In 1895 Mr. Jarrard was married to Keturah M. Evans, who was born Feb. 25, 1868, daughter of Jenkins Evans, a resident at that time of Berwick, but now living at Slatington, Pa. One child was born to this marriage, Eclair, who resides at home. Mrs. Jarrard died Aug. 23, 1899, and was buried in Pine Grove cemetery. On April 26, 1905, Mr. Jarrard was married to Mrs. Laura Bliven, a widow, daughter of Daniel Boice, of Bloomsburg. Mrs. Jarrard is president of the Orphans' Home of the P. O. S. of A. at Mifflinville, having served one term of two years and now serving the second. She takes a deep interest in the welfare of the society and devotes much time to its affairs. Mr. and Mrs. Jarrard are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and they are consistent and active supporters of the work of the society.

Mr. Jarrard is a Republican in national politics, but independent in local affairs. He is a member and past president of Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., of Berwick, and a member and past commander of W. T. Sherman Commandery, No. 23, of the P. O. S. of A. He is also a past president of Camp No. 57, P. O. S. of A., and Mrs. Jarrard is serving as treasurer of that camp.

**J. ROLAND BOUDMAN**, an expert weaver in the Magee Carpet Mills, at Bloomsburg, Pa., was born Aug. 18, 1885, near Millville, Columbia county, and is a son of George W. and Margaret (Brunner) Boudman.

James Boudman, his grandfather, was born near Unityville, Lycoming Co., Pa., his father, Isaac Boudman, having settled in that county on coming from Germany, at an early date. James Boudman owned a farm of about eighty acres, upon which he lived and died. He married Sarah, daughter of John and Catherine (Stackhouse) Gardner, and they had these children: George W., who married Margaret Brunner; Henry, who married Nellie Warner; Samuel; Thomas; Smith; Margaret, Mrs. MacGarner; and Sarah, wife of Glen Pursell.

Mr. Boudman was a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran Church.

George W. Boudman was born June 13, 1857, in Unityville, and was educated in the common schools, working between times on his father's farm. After his majority he moved to Columbia county, four miles from Millville, and bought a farm. About 1904 he came to Berwick and went to work for the American Car and Foundry Company. In 1880 he married Margaret, daughter of John and Martha (Fairman) Brunner, and they had children as follows: J. Roland and Minnie Martha, the daughter the wife of Edward Deitrick. Mr. Boudman is a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran Church.

J. Roland Boudman was educated in the common schools of Millville and at an early age began to learn weaving. He is one of the most expert of the workmen in the Magee Carpet Mills, and is a favorite with his employers and his fellow workmen. He married Gertrude, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Brodt, and they have three children, Donald, Earle and Edward. Politically Mr. Boudman is a Democrat, in religion a member of the Lutheran Church.

Margaret Brunner, mother of J. Roland Boudman, was born in Millville, on the farm of her father, and attended the Center school and the seminary at Millville. She taught school after graduation and then took up the occupation of seamstress until her marriage.

John Brunner was born in Jordan township, which is in Lycoming county, just over the line of Columbia county, and received a common school education. Until his retirement he was most of his life a farmer. He married Martha, daughter of Robert and Edith (Barton) Fairman, of Greenwood township, and they had children as follows: Mary Isabelle, wife of John D. Gordon; Hannah Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Fortner; Anna Margaret, wife of George W. Boudman; Henry Jackson and William Parson, both deceased; Sarah Edith, deceased, wife of Charles Eckman; John Willett, who married Ella Eves; and Susan Ella, wife of Benjamin Whitmoyer. Mr. Brunner was a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran Church.

Peter Brunner, the father of John, married Hannah, daughter of John and Catherine Hartman. He was a farmer and lived in Franklin township, Columbia county. Their children were: William, who married Rebecca Beckley; Margaret, wife of Peter Crossley; Jackson, who married Harriet Swishler;

Samuel; John; and Lydia, wife of Amos Houk.

Robert Fairman married Edith Batton, of Greenwood township, Columbia county, and their children were: Edith, wife of Abram Swisher; Reese, who married Sue Leed; Thomas; Sarah, wife of William Lotton; Henry, who married Mary Ann Warner; William; Martha, wife of John Brunner; Mary, wife of Clemuel Parker; and Hugh, who married Chrissie Oberson.

GEORGE B. UNANGST, tax collector of Berwick, Columbia county, was born in Fishingcreek township, that county, Aug. 8, 1875, son of Edward and Mary (Stiles) Unangst.

Philip Unangst came to Northampton county, Pa., from Germany at an early day, and became a heavy landowner. Selling his several farms there he settled in Columbia county, Pa., in Fishingcreek township, where he lived until his death. He had always been a farmer. He had ten children, only one of whom survives, Mealis, of Cold Water, Mich., who was a soldier during the Civil war, as were his brothers, Wayne, Emanuel and Abram.

Edward Unangst was born on the present site of the City of Easton, Northampton Co., Pa., and died in October, 1886, his wife surviving him. They had six children: Philip, who resides at Berwick; Van Buren, who is deceased; Edward, deceased; George B.; Rudolph, who resides at Berwick; and Margaret, who married Joseph Brown, of Berwick.

George B. Unangst attended the common schools of Fishingcreek township, and was brought up on the homestead. He spent fourteen years of his mature life engaged in farming, and then moved to Berwick to take employment with the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company. After several years with them he embarked in the grocery business, in 1903, and conducted it for six years, when he sold and built the "Berwick Hotel." After operating this for two years he again became a grocer. In 1909 he was elected tax collector, and has held that office ever since. He is now the owner of the homestead farm in Fishingcreek township, where he was born.

In May, 1904, Mr. Unangst was married to Eva F. Wright, born Feb. 14, 1876, in Berwick, a daughter of Daniel and Rosana (Harris) Wright, the former of whom is deceased; the latter survives and makes her home at Berwick. Mr. Unangst is a member of the Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., Washington Camp, No. 105, Patriotic Order

Sons of America; and Pewaukee Tribe, No. 240, Improved Order of Red Men, having been one of the organizers of the Berwick Tribe and one of its first officials.

CHARLES F. WALP, foreman of the die department of the steel car plant of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, Pa., was born April 15, 1885, at Mifflinville, in Mifflin township, Columbia county, son of George W. and Dora E. (Creasy) Walp.

Anthony Walp, the great-grandfather of Charles F. Walp, was born July 19, 1800, in Northampton county, Pa., and as a young man settled on Knob Mountain, near Evansville, Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., on a tract of sixty-five acres. In addition to clearing nearly all of this property he followed various other pursuits, being known far and wide as a "jack-of-all-trades," at various times working as a cooper, cabinetmaker, carpenter and shoemaker. He married Lydia Hess, and they became the parents of the following children: Hiram married Elizabeth Housmith, and both are deceased; Aaron, deceased, married Catherine Shiner, of Hazleton; Stephen is deceased; William is mentioned below; Sarah Ann married Aaron Kelchner, and both are deceased; Phoebe, deceased, married Samuel Kelchner; Rebecca married John Roup, of Light Street; Wesley died young; Thomas married Delilah Boone, and both are deceased; Jeremiah, deceased, married Ann Sponsler. Mr. Walp was a Democrat in politics. He and his wife were consistent members of the German Lutheran Church, belonging at Briar Creek, and they were buried at the Brick Church in Briarcreek township.

William Walp, son of Anthony, was born Aug. 8, 1831, in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., was educated in the township schools, and worked for his father until reaching his twenty-first year. Following this he was an employee on wages with Andrew Freas for four years. He was about twenty-five when his father died, and in that year he was married to Mary Ann Bower, who was born Feb. 4, 1830, in Forks township, Northampton Co., Pa., daughter of Thomas Bower, whose wife was a Switzer. To this union there were born the following children: Lydia Catherine, born Jan. 16, 1856, married Charles Clewell, deceased, of Catawissa, Pa.; Nancy Jane, born Feb. 1, 1858, married Frank Dietterick, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; one child was stillborn, Aug. 23, 1859. James Wesley

was born Aug. 9, 1860; George Washington was born May 15, 1863; Mary Elizabeth (deceased), born May 6, 1865, married Levi Kocher; Samuel Andrew, born March 3, 1867, married a Miss Broadhead (deceased), and (second) a Miss Barnum, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; William Thomas, born April 3, 1872, married Clara Knorr, of Maryland. After his marriage Mr. Walp rented his father's farm for one year and then went to Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he spent two years, at the end of that time returning to Briarcreek township, where he purchased his father's farm. Later he bought ten acres of land from his uncle Jonas Wright, and continued on his farm until 1891. At that time he went to Berwick and entered the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company, subsequently was at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and then returned to Berwick and became a watchman for his former employers. On leaving their employ he purchased a property of two acres in Briarcreek township, near the borough line of West Berwick, from Charles H. Campbell, and has been living retired for the last eleven years. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served efficiently in the capacities of school director and auditor. His wife was buried at the Brick Church.

George Washington Walp, son of William Walp, was born May 15, 1863, near Knob Mountain, in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., and in that vicinity received a public school education. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and worked on the homestead farm until reaching the age of twenty-one years, when he entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Company, securing a position in the machine shop. Later he moved to Philadelphia, where he served his apprenticeship to the tinsmith's trade, and then returned to Berwick and again became associated with the Jackson & Woodin Company, as tinsmith for many years. Eventually he embarked in business on his own account, opening a shop on the present site of the Raseley printing house, where he continued in business for five years. He then returned to the Jackson & Woodin Company for one year, after which he went out to California and for one year conducted a match manufacturing plant, being well acquainted with matchmaking machinery. Succeeding this he returned to Berwick and again went into business, and he has been located there ever since, now doing all the tinsmith work for the American Car and Foundry Company and other large concerns, in addition to having a prosperous trade

among private families. He is independent in his political views, preferring to give his support to the candidate he deems best fitted for office, irrespective of party ties. His fraternal connections include membership in Berwick Lodge of Odd Fellows, and Washington Camp No. 105, Patriotic Order Sons of America. His home is in West Berwick.

Mr. Walp was united in marriage with Dora E. Creasy, daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Pifer) Creasy, and three children have been born to this union: Jessie M., who married William Remley, of West Berwick; Dorothy, who makes her home with her parents; and Charles F.

Charles F. Walp secured his education in the schools of Briarcreek township and Berwick, which he attended up to the age of sixteen years, at that time entering the machine shop of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, where he served his apprenticeship to the machinist's trade. With the exception of three years spent in the New York offices of the same company, as a draftsman, he has continued to be employed with this great enterprise in Berwick, where his faithfulness to duty, enterprise, energy and progressive ideas have gained him constant promotion, until at present he is foreman of the die department in the steel car division. He is trusted by his employers and a general favorite with his men, who have learned to place the greatest confidence in his ability. Mr. Walp is a Republican, but has found no time to engage in the struggles of the political arena. He is interested in fraternal work to some extent, and has numerous friends among his fellow members in Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., of Berwick, and Berwick Tent, No. 282, Knights of the Maccabees.

Mr. Walp married Blanche Bower, daughter of Hiram W. and Harriet (Sult) Bower, and to this union have come four children: Harriet E., born Feb. 16, 1905; Charles F., Jr., born Jan. 26, 1908; George B., born May 27, 1910, now deceased; and Mary Frances, born Oct. 30, 1913.

Michael Bower, the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Walp, was born in Saxony, Germany, and came to America at the age of sixteen years. After his marriage he located at Kutztown, Berks Co., Pa., and the family has since been closely identified with the county's growth and development. It was in the latter end of the eighteenth century that Michael Bower came to Columbia county and purchased a small farm in Briarcreek township, and here he subsequently became one of the



substantial agriculturists of the community. His work included the clearing of a tract of 120 acres of land now owned by John Tester. His wife's maiden name was Hill, and they reared the following children: Jacob, Michael, Solomon, Daniel, Philena, Catherine and Abraham.

Abraham Bower, son of Michael Bower, was born at Kutztown, Pa., and was a young man when he accompanied his father to Briar-creek township. He learned the trade of mason, and after his marriage bought a farm, which he conducted in connection with working at his trade. He married Helen Remley, a daughter of Michael Remley, and they became the parents of the following children: Samuel, deceased; Phebe, who married Daniel Miller, and (second) Abraham Culp; Elizabeth, who married Caleb Fowler; William; Abraham, who died young; Susanna, who died in infancy; Lavina, who married George Johnson; Catherine, the wife of Thomas Evans; Ellen, deceased; Rev. Aaron, who was a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Hiram, who retired to Berwick; and Matilda, who became the second wife of George Johnson. In political belief Abraham Bower was a staunch Democrat, and served his town as supervisor and school director. He was seventy-eight years old at the time of his death, while his wife survived him some time and died at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

William Bower, son of Abraham Bower, was born in Centre township, Columbia county, April 27, 1818, and with his father learned the trade of mason and plasterer. He followed that occupation for almost forty years, the latter part of which period was spent in Berwick, where he erected a fine home on Fifth street. After a long and useful life he died April 27, 1897, in the faith of the United Evangelical Church. He was married to Sarah Stephens, and they became the parents of the following children: Delilah married Dr. M. E. Brown, of Seattle, Wash.; John S., born March 16, 1844, died Feb. 16, 1853; Lavina, born April 19, 1846, became the wife of G. P. Stiner, of Orangeville, Pa.; Emeline, born Feb. 5, 1848, now deceased, became the wife of George Herring, of Orangeville; Catherine, the wife of William F. Kline, of Kansas, was born Dec. 30, 1849, and is deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, born March 9, 1852, married Alfred Kisner; Hiram W. is mentioned below; Mary N., born March 3, 1856, died Aug. 23, 1877; Elwood was born Dec. 26, 1858; Ida died in infancy; Isaac Scott, born Feb. 12, 1862, is a resident of

Salina, Kans.; Sarah M. was born Aug. 3, 1864; Eva May, born Aug. 5, 1867, married Wesley Cool, of Nanticoke, Pa. Mrs. Bower died March 18, 1888, aged sixty-seven years, one month, twenty-two days.

HIRAM W. BOWER, son of William Bower, and father of Mrs. Walp, was born March 11, 1854, in Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., and there attended the public schools until he was nineteen years of age. At that time he learned the trade of mason and plasterer, and in 1878 moved to Ellsworth, Kans., where he spent one year. Returning to his home, he soon thereafter went to Nanticoke, where he clerked in the grocery store kept by George O. Welliver, but being fond of travel, and favorably impressed with Kansas on his first trip there, he decided to return to that State. After clerking there for some time he received an appointment as detective on the Union Pacific railroad, and during his service in that capacity had several narrow escapes and thrilling experiences which were sufficient to test the bravery of any man. He performed his duties faithfully, and was rewarded by a position in the general offices at Wallace, Kans., where he learned telegraphy. Later he was advanced to the position of foreman of the mason construction and building department of two divisions, extending from Brookville to Denver, a distance of 439 miles.

In 1882 Mr. Bower returned to Berwick to be married and he has since made this borough his home. He has been engaged in masonry and plastering as a contractor, and his comprehensive experience and competency have been the means of his receiving some of the largest local contracts let in the business. Among these may be mentioned the Opera House at Berwick; the residence of C. R. Woodin, at Berwick Heights; the wheel foundry of the Jackson & Woodin Company; the residence of J. W. Evans, and numerous other fine structures in the borough and vicinity. Mr. Bower has firmly established himself in the confidence and esteem of the people of his community through the exercise of honesty, integrity and honorable dealing, and merits the place he holds as a progressive, enterprising and public-spirited citizen.

On Jan. 3, 1882, Mr. Bower was united in marriage with Hattie Sult, daughter of James Sult, of Berwick, Pa., and to this union there have been born the following children: Odell S., born Sept. 3, 1883, now a resident of Salem township, Luzerne county; Randall, born in December, 1884; Blanche, born Oct. 24, 1886, now the wife of Charles F. Walp; Ralph born

May 17, 1888; one child who died in infancy; Arthur, deceased, born Feb. 7, 1891; Martha, born June 24, 1892; and Lewis, born Nov. 18, 1893.

Mr. Bower is a Democrat in political matters, and in religious faith is a Methodist. He is widely known in fraternal circles, and his affiliations in this connection include membership in the Patriotic Order Sons of America; the Knights of the Golden Eagle, of which he is a past chief; the Knights of Malta, in which he is a past commander; and Bloomsburg Lodge, No. 436, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

WILLIAM H. TREGO, late of Berwick, was born at Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., July 5, 1841, son of Eli and Maria Caroline (Kanuske) Trego.

Eli Trego was born at Milton, in Northumberland county, Pa. He was an early settler at Milton, that county, engaging in a manufacturing business there. Later he established a foundry at Rolston, Pa., in association with his three brothers and they built a railroad with wooden rails that was operated near Williamsport. Still later he built another foundry at Milton and there manufactured all kinds of machinery, conducting that business for several years. Afterwards he moved to Reading, where both he and wife died. Eli Trego was a man of considerable consequence in Pennsylvania. At one time he was a member of the State militia, served on the staff of Governor Pollock, and was otherwise active in public affairs. He was prominent also in the fraternal order of Odd Fellows. At Reading he was married to Maria Caroline Kanuske, who was born in Germany and accompanied her parents to America. Her father, who was a minister, settled at Reading, Pa., and died there. The family moved then to Milton. There were eight children born to Eli Trego and his wife, namely: Celia is the wife of P. C. Nice, of Reading; William H. is mentioned below; Eli M. is a resident of Berwick; Charles is living in the Soldiers' Home at Danville, Ill.; John is deceased; Verdilla M. is the wife of F. H. Deener, of Elizabeth, N. J.; Mary is deceased; one died in infancy.

William H. Trego obtained his education in the schools of Milton and attended high school for a time, afterwards working for his father in the molding department of his father's foundry, learning the trade. Later he entered the machine shop, where he worked for two years, and then went back into the

molding department and worked until he completed his trade and attained the skill necessary in this line. About this time the Civil war broke out and Mr. Trego was one of the patriotic young men to enlist early, serving through a first enlistment of eighteen months in Company E, 131st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. I. B. Davis, of Milton. During this time he took part in the battles of Antietam, Fredericksburg and South Mountain. With his regiment he went then to Hampton Roads and on to Richmond, where the regiment was sent to relieve Washington city, and from there Mr. Trego went to Harrisburg, where he was honorably discharged. He then returned home to Milton, but entered on a second enlistment at Williamsport, becoming a member of Company B, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He saw active service through Kentucky, Tennessee and other Southern States until the close of the war in 1865, when he was again honorably discharged, at Harrisburg. His regiments were connected with the Army of the Potomac and the Army of the Cumberland. He again returned to Milton and resumed work at his trade, which he continued for several years, after which he lived more or less retired on account of disability caused by exposure during his long service as a soldier. He received a pension of fifty dollars a month on this account. In 1903 he moved to Berwick, where he resided with his brother, at No. 213 Jackson street, until his death, March 15, 1914. He had property interests at Milton, Pa., where he was buried.

Mr. Trego was married in Northumberland county to Alice Riland, of that county, a daughter of Samuel Riland, who lived in the Limestone valley, in Northumberland county. Mrs. Trego died in 1901, leaving no children.

Politically Mr. Trego was a Democrat, but never accepted any public office. He was a member of Henry Wilson Post, G. A. R., of Milton, and like his father before him had taken much interest in the order of Odd Fellows, and held office in his lodge while living at Milton. He was a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, and Berwick Encampment, No. 48, as well as the Mary Frantz Rebekah Lodge, No. 37, I. O. O. F. He was reared in the Methodist Episcopal Church, but held membership in the Reformed Church of Milton, Pa., at the time of his death.

HENDERSON FRANKLIN BELLES, who is engaged in farming in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born May 3, 1871, in Fishingcreek township, same

county, son of Andrew Jackson and Mary (Zeluff) Belles.

Adam Belles, the grandfather of Henderson F. Belles, was a native of Germany, born Sept. 25, 1804. On coming to the United States he settled in Fishingcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa. He engaged in a variety of occupations, following at different times school teaching during the winter months and farming in the summer, cabinetmaking and the manufacture of chairs, grain cradles and spinning wheels. At the time of his death, June 28, 1878, he owned a property of seventy-five acres and was carrying on general farming. He married Charlotte Yapple, born Sept. 23, 1810, died June 8, 1870, and they had the following children: Julianne Louise, born July 7, 1833, is the widow of Henry Sitler and lives in Berwick; George Washington, born July 31, 1835, married Annie Yapple, and both are deceased; Savilla, born Jan. 24, 1839, married William Royer, of Plymouth, Pa.; John, of Omaha, Nebr., born Sept. 7, 1841, married Mary Lockard, who is deceased; Daniel, born April 22, 1844, married Rebecca Kline; Andrew J., born Sept. 3, 1846, married Mary Zeluff; Isaac, born Feb. 27, 1849, married Frances Santee, and resides at Berwick; Mary Jeanette, born Feb. 12, 1851, died Dec. 27, 1856; Franklin, born May 18, 1854, married Rebecca Wylie and (second) Henrietta Crease, and is living in New Jersey.

Mr. Belles, the father, was a Democrat in politics. He and his wife were consistent members of the United Evangelical Association, belonging to the church located between Bendertown and Columbus, in Fishingcreek township, and both were buried at the Belles graveyard in that township.

Andrew J. Belles, son of Adam Belles, and father of Henderson F. Belles, was born Sept. 3, 1846, in Fishingcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., and received his education in the public schools. He worked with his father until he was thirty-one years of age, and in the meantime learned the carpenter's and stonemason's trades. For twenty years after his father's death he operated the old homestead farm. Although advanced in years he is still active, and is following the trade of carpenter and doing a prosperous business. A Democrat, he has taken a hand in local political affairs, and has served his township as judge and inspector of elections. He and his wife attend the Methodist Church of Berwick, where they make their home. Mr. Belles married Miss Mary Zeluff, who was born in January, 1845, near Paxinos, North-

umberland county, daughter of William and Rebecca (Price) Zeluff, and to this union there have been born the following children: Jennie, who married John Sutton; Olen and Otis, twins, the former of whom married Lily Eveland and lives at Berwick, while the latter died when five months old; Pearl, who married Walter Leteer, of Philadelphia; Elmer, who lives at home; and Henderson F.

Henderson F. Belles, son of Andrew J. Belles, was educated in the schools of Benton township, which he attended until he reached the age of sixteen years. At that time he entered the employ of John Belles, for whom he worked eleven years. He then purchased a farm of thirty-eight acres, located in Benton township, but two years later disposed of this property and located in Berwick, where he became a car-builder for the American Car and Foundry Company. He invested his capital in a house and two building lots, which he subsequently sold at a good profit, and came to Briarcreek township, where he bought his present farm of 108 acres, which he has cultivated to the present time with a full measure of success. In political matters he is a Democrat and socially belongs to the Protected Home Circle. A consistent member of the Methodist Church, he was formerly a Sunday school teacher and superintendent of the Sunday school of the Presbyterian Church at Raven Creek, Benton township.

Mr. Belles married Irene Shultz, who was born July 17, 1877, in Sugarloaf township, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of Stratton and Catherine (Cole) Shultz, of that township. Mrs. Belles was educated in the public schools of her native township, and resided with her parents until the time of her marriage. Like her husband she is a member of the Protected Home Circle, and takes much interest in its work, as she does also in the movements and activities of the Methodist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Belles have had the following children: Stanley C., born March 29, 1897; Hazel F., born Sept. 21, 1899; Glen, born Aug. 21, 1901; Donovan, born Aug. 9, 1904; Mary Catherine, born June 8, 1906; Martha, born Sept. 4, 1907; and Gertrude, born Sept. 14, 1911.

Philip Shultz, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Belles, came of German stock, and was born at Rohrsburg, Columbia Co., Pa. From that place he removed to Benton township, where he purchased a farm of fifty acres, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his life. He was a Democrat in politics, and in religion a faithful member of the Methodist Protestant Church. His wife

died when Mrs. Belles was an infant. They were the parents of children as follows: Elias, who was twice married; Daniel, deceased; Anna, deceased, who was the wife of Joseph Hess; Russell, deceased, who married Catherine Beishline; Henry, deceased, who married Amanda Lutz; Jane, deceased, who married Rev. Dyer Moss; Hannah, who married James Kough (deceased) and (second) Alvin Carmen (deceased); Peter, who married Sabra Gearhart, deceased; and Wheeler.

Wheeler Shultz, son of Philip Shultz, and grandfather of Mrs. Belles, was educated in the schools of Benton township. At the time of his marriage he rented a farm, on which he and his wife commenced housekeeping, and later he purchased a tract of fifty acres located in the midst of the woods, cleared and developed it. This became the Shultz homestead place. He died in the faith of the Methodist Protestant Church, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Cambra, in Pine Creek township. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army, and served valiantly during an enlistment of three years. In political opinion he was a Democrat, and for a long period he served his township as a school director. Wheeler Shultz married Harriet Carmen, who was born in 1826, in New York State, and died in January, 1902, and they became the parents of nine children, among whom were Stratton, the father of Mrs. Belles; Emily, who married the late Milton Eves, of Millville, Pa.; Edith, who married Jasper Kitchen, of Savage Hill, Rohrsburg, Pa.; Alice, who married George Wagner, of Orangeville, Pa.; and Miles, who died at the age of nineteen years.

Stratton Shultz, son of Wheeler Shultz, and father of Mrs. Belles, was born July 26, 1855, in Sugarloaf township, Columbia Co., Pa., was there educated in the public schools, and has been a farmer all his life. At the time of his father's death he inherited his present property, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He is a Democrat in politics, although not active therein. He has always been an active worker in church affairs, has held various official positions in the congregation of the Methodist Protestant denomination, and at this time is class leader, and superintendent of the Sunday school, which he reorganized after it had been so run down as to almost cease. Mr. Shultz married Catherine Cole, who was born July 2, 1855, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Hess) Cole, and she died Nov. 28, 1912, and was buried at Raven Creek,

Benton township. They became the parents of five children, namely: Irene, who married Mr. Belles; Eva, who married Milford Laubach, of Coles Creek; Willis, who married Adeline Hess, of Summer Hill; Thomas Elroy, who married Lula Baker, of Benton township; and Pearl, who resides with her parents.

WILLIAM MILTON BREDBENNER, now living retired at Berwick, first came to that borough in 1854 and has resided there much of the time since. He is a native of Beaver Valley, Columbia county, born Oct. 30, 1845, son of Levi Bredbenner.

Levi Bredbenner, born in 1820, died in 1892, was a native of Scotch Valley, Columbia county. He was engaged in boating, making trips from Pittston to Baltimore, and in his later years hauled produce from Berwick and the adjoining territory to Hazleton, Jeddo and other mining districts. He first came to Berwick about 1846. About 1839 he married Leah Sarley, of Bucks county, who was born in 1820, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Weiss) Sarley, and died in 1903 at Berwick. She is buried in Pine Grove cemetery. They were the parents of eight children: John married Mary Rough; Emma married William Howie; William Milton married Corilla Ruth; Sarah married Nathan Yohey; Rachel married Thomas Silver; Isaac, Wilson and Edward died young, and are buried in Pine Grove cemetery at Berwick.

William Milton Bredbenner attended the old Market Street Academy at Berwick during his boyhood. Subsequently the family lived on a farm in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, for four years, and he helped at home with the agricultural work and assisted his father, who was then boating on the Pennsylvania canal, being thus engaged until 1864. That year he enlisted in Company B, 194th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving under Capt. John A. Wenner, from Harrisburg. He was discharged in Harrisburg, 1864, in July, and returning home began to learn the shoemaker's trade at Nescopeck, Luzerne county. He continued to follow it until incapacitated by illness, and in 1896 entered the general grocery business at Berwick, building up a good trade in that line, in which he remained until his retirement, in 1905. He has been a prominent member of the Methodist Church, serving on the official board, and belongs to C. G. Jackson Post, No. 159, G. A. R. Politically he is a Progressive.

Mr. Bredbenner married Corilla Ruth, of

Berwick, and they have had four children: Fannie married John Calvin Styles, and they have one child, Ethel; George, who died young, is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick; Frank, deceased (he is buried in Pine Grove cemetery), married Rosie Walker and had one child, Lois; Miles S. is mentioned below.

George Ruth, father of Mrs. William M. Bredbenner, was born in 1810, and died in 1885. His wife, Sarah (Shellhammer), born in 1822, died in 1900. They are buried in Pine Grove cemetery. Their daughter, Corilla, married William Milton Bredbenner.

Philip Shellhammer, father of Mrs. George Ruth, married Margaret Wolf about 1795, and they located in the Black Creek valley. They were farming people, a thrifty and prosperous couple, and Mr. Shellhammer, in connection with John Barnes, was instrumental in the building of the First Methodist Church in the valley, providing a home for itinerant ministers. "Father" Barnes, as he was known, was the father of Rev. Samuel Barnes, a most influential minister and presiding elder in central Pennsylvania. Of the children born to Philip and Margaret (Wolf) Shellhammer, Abraham, the eldest son, enlisted for service in the Civil war and is supposed to have been killed in the battle of the Wilderness, as no trace of him was had afterwards. The rest of the family married and some located in the Western States, some in the valley where they were born. Mrs. Sarah Ruth came to Berwick, where she resided until her death in 1900. One son married Eliza Barnes, sister of Rev. Samuel Barnes, and they lived in Black Creek and Conyngham, Pennsylvania.

MILES SEWARD BREDBENNER, teller of the First National Bank of Berwick, was born in Berwick April 20, 1881. He received his education in the public schools and at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa., where he was graduated, taking the commercial course. On his return home he entered the employment of Sherman & Woodin in the malleable iron plant, and was made timekeeper and paymaster, remaining in the position for one and a half years. In the early part of 1904 he became a clerk in the First National Bank and has been gradually promoted to his present position. He is married to Ethel May Stookey, who was born in Buffalo, N. Y., May 20, 1882, a daughter of Byron E. and Isabel (Keefer) Stookey, who were natives of Luzerne county. The father, who is now deceased, was a railroad engineer. Mrs. Stookey is still living, at Kingston, Pa. The children

of Mr. and Mrs. Bredbenner are: Jack H., born May 4, 1904, and Byron William, born May 13, 1906.

Mr. Bredbenner is a Republican in political belief and is a member of the Methodist Church. He is a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master, and now serving as trustee; is a member of the Masonic Club of Berwick; and of Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta, Berwick, of which he is a past commander.

PROF. LLOYD P. STERNER, of Bloomsburg, for many years supervising principal of the public schools of that borough, now district superintendent of Bloomsburg, has been in educational work all his active life and held his former position over twenty years. Born Nov. 3, 1858, near Orangeville, Columbia county, he belongs to a family of German origin whose earlier representatives in this country lived in Berks and Lehigh counties, Pa., Professor Sterner's grandfather being the first of the family to come to Columbia county.

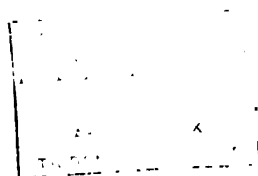
John Sterner, the grandfather, was born in Berks county, Pa., and was a young man when he came to Columbia county, settling near Orangeville, where he lived and died. By occupation he was a farmer. His children were: Benjamin, William, Henry, John, Margaret, Catherine and Elizabeth.

John Sterner, the Professor's father, was born near Orangeville, and followed farming as his principal occupation. He was a shoemaker, and worked at his trade for some time. He married Elizabeth John, daughter of George and Martha (Mears) John, and they are buried at Orangeville. They were the parents of children as follows: George, James, Wilbur, Lloyd P., Alice, Caroline, Margaret, Esther and Catherine.

Lloyd P. Sterner began his education in public schools and later attended Orangeville Academy. Then he taught public school in Columbia county for three terms before becoming a student at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., after which he was an instructor for two years in the academy at New Columbus, Luzerne county. His next position was in the Orangeville Academy, where he taught one year, in the fall of 1889 coming to Bloomsburg, where he has since been associated with public school work. He began as assistant principal, and two years later became supervising principal, which position he filled continuously until July 14, 1914, when he was elected district superintendent for a term of four years. The



*L. P. Sterner.*



length of his service alone would indicate the high value placed upon his work by all concerned in its efficiency. In 1892 he graduated the first class from the Bloomsburg high school, consisting of eight girls. During his long connection with educational work in the borough he has seen many improvements in methods and ideas, and has brought about many of the important changes through his own efforts, for he has been heart and soul in his work, and has endeavored to maintain high standards. Personally, he has the unqualified respect of his associates and his fellow citizens in every walk of life.

On July 6, 1898, Professor Sterner was married to Nora M. Finney, daughter of David and Margaret (Gearringer) Finney. The Finneys are an old Pennsylvania family of Scotch descent. Some of its members took an active part in the Revolutionary war, and Mrs. Sterner is a prominent member of Fort McClure Chapter, D. A. R. She is also connected with the old Fulton family, and in recognition of the relationship was a guest at the Hudson-Fulton celebration held in September, 1911, at New York City. Professor Sterner is a Mason, a past master of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg. In politics he is independent. In religion he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. To Professor and Mrs. Sterner have been born three children: Robert Fulton, Alice Parvin and James Hervey.

Through his mother Professor Sterner is a member of the John family, a descendant of Isaac John, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Columbia county, having located in Main township in 1778. He purchased a large tract of land, which was covered by a dense forest, felled trees and built a log cabin. He cleared part of the farm and engaged in the cultivation of the soil the rest of his active days. He married Margaret Brong, and they reared the following children: Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, David, George, and five daughters.

Abraham John was reared on his father's farm in Main township and assisted his father in the labors about the old homestead. He was married to Mary Flick, who bore him a family of seven children, namely: Stacy, George, Hiram, Lovina, Angeline, Mary A. and Sarah J.

George John, father of Mrs. John Sterner, married Martha Mears, and they were the parents of the following children: Jane married James Grimes; Elizabeth married John

Sterner; Martha married Samuel White; Caroline married John De Witt; Mary married Isaac McKamey.

HERVEY EDMUND DIEFFENBACH, the largest dealer in natural ice in Bloomsburg, Pa., was born in that town Oct. 18, 1865, and is a son of Jacob Dieffenbach. The family is descended from Conrad Dieffenbach, one of the earliest of the sturdy Germans to settle in Columbia county.

Leonhard Dieffenbacher, a native of Eppingen, Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, was the ancestor of the family in Columbia county. He and his wife, Anna Martha, had several children, of whom Conrad was one. The name has been altered by his descendants in America, who have dropped the terminal "er."

Conrad Dieffenbacher was born in Eppingen, March 1, 1743, and after the completion of his education came to America on the ship "Richmond," landing at Philadelphia Oct. 20, 1764. He settled in the Fulhomer Swamp, in Limerick township, in what is now Montgomery county, Pa., where he married Catherine Betz on Jan. 30, 1769, and their children were: Abraham, born Nov. 16, 1769; John, July 13, 1771; Frederick, May 4, 1773; Jacob, Nov. 19, 1775; Philip, Feb. 3, 1778; Henry, Jan. 31, 1780; Elizabeth, May 11, 1782; Conrad, Feb. 15, 1785; Catherine, May 20, 1787; David, June 17, 1789; and Susannah, Aug. 31, 1791. He moved to Derry township, Northumberland county, in April, 1793, and there his wife Catherine died Jan. 3, 1809. Later he moved to Washingtonville, and there married Catherine Haas. He died Aug. 6, 1813.

Henry Dieffenbach, born in Montgomery county Jan. 31, 1780, died June 1, 1870. He was a farmer, and resided in Washingtonville, then in Northumberland county. He married Susannah, daughter of Jacob and Mary C. (Gortner) Hill, the former a soldier in the Revolution and later promoted to captain. Mrs. Susannah Dieffenbach died July 5, 1848. Her children were: David, who married Elizabeth Truckenmiller; Solomon; Christina, wife of John Springer; Sarah, wife of Samuel Heater; Catherine, wife of Abraham Cooper; Hannah, wife of John Moyer; Elizabeth, wife of Christopher Raupp; Jacob, who married Martha A. Funston; Leah, wife of John Sidler; Susannah, wife of Charles Truckenmiller; Aaron, who married Jane Daw; and Henry, who married Sarah E. Hagenbuch.



Jacob Dieffenbach, father of Hervey E., was born Aug. 27, 1818, near Washingtonville, Northumberland county, and died in Bloomsburg May 4, 1898. He was a farmer and resided on the State road, between Jerseytown and White Hall, and in 1854 moved to Bloomsburg and bought what is now the Dieffenbach Addition. He moved into the addition in 1860. He married Martha A. Funston, who was born at Jerseytown, Jan. 19, 1827, daughter of Thomas A. and Hannah (Schooley) Funston, and died in Bloomsburg Dec. 29, 1902. Their children were: Sarah Adeline, born Oct. 16, 1847, married Charles A. Knorr; Susan Blanche, born May 3, 1850, died Sept. 21, 1852; Alvin Hill, born May 7, 1853, died July 22, 1859; Emma Jane, born Jan. 13, 1856, died March 2, 1856; Clara Adelia was born March 14, 1857; Martha Elizabeth, born April 4, 1860, died May 4, 1896; Henry Funston, born Oct. 25, 1862, married Laura B. Dieterich; Hervey Edmund is mentioned below; Harriet Hannah, born Dec. 4, 1869, married O. T. Weidman.

Hervey E. Dieffenbach attended the "Port Noble" school at Bloomsburg, then went to the old Academy, later to the Fifth street school, to the Normal school, and finally to the West Third street school. He then went to live on his father's farm and assisted him in the manufacture of brooms, his father being the largest maker of brooms in the county. After this he was engaged in selling tea for about five years, when he sold the business. On July 1, 1891, he married Jennie C. Rhoads, daughter of George W. and Mary Anna (Long) Rhoads, of Harrisburg, and they had these children: George Edmund, born Sept. 19, 1892; Oliver Hill, Sept. 21, 1894; Mary Anna, May 29, 1895; Harriet Jennie, July 20, 1900; Clyde Marcus, Dec. 22, 1902; Jacob Grier, July 28, 1905; Martha Claire, Feb. 4, 1908; and Frederick Carroll B., May 26, 1910.

In July, 1891, Mr. Dieffenbach went to Sunbury to work in the planing mill of Witmer, Driesbach & Rhodes, and then changed to the Herndon Manufacturing Company's planing mill, at Herndon. In 1897 he returned to Bloomsburg and entered the ice business with his brother, Henry F., under the firm name of Dieffenbach Brothers. For six years they continued the partnership, and then Hervey E. assumed entire control. In 1897 they bought five acres of land between Eleventh and Fourteenth streets, which is flooded by means of springs, thus guaranteeing a constant supply of pure ice in the winter for

packing in their storehouses. Generally the supply of natural ice is sufficient for their trade, but of late years it has been found necessary to import Mount Pocono natural ice to keep up with the rapidly growing patronage.

Mr. Dieffenbach is a Democrat in political affiliation, but has not sought or held office. He was reared under the discipline of the Reformed Church, but now attends the United Evangelical. He is a charter member of Theta Castle, No. 276, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of Bloomsburg.

George Edmund Dieffenbach, son of Hervey E., graduated from the Bloomsburg high school and then took a thorough business course in Garner's business college, Harrisburg, Pa. Since graduation he has been employed in the office of the superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Harrisburg.

Mrs. Jennie C. (Rhoads) Dieffenbach was born in Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 19, 1869, and obtained her education at the Harris Park school. She remained at home until her marriage.

Lewis Rhoads, grandfather of Mrs. Dieffenbach, was born Feb. 19, 1820, in Newville, Cumberland Co., Pa. His father, Lewis Rhoads, was a native of Reading, Pa., and a well-to-do contractor, having built numerous houses in that city. His wife was an Oberheim. Lewis, Jr., received a common school education and learned the trade of carpenter. He also worked in sawmills. Moving to New Cumberland, Cumberland county, he engaged in contracting until his death, in December, 1879. He married Catherine Dock, who died June 1, 1888, and their children were: George Wilson, mentioned below; Edward Oberheim, who died young and is buried at Newville; William D., living in Harrisburg; Charles B., residing in Sanford, Fla.; Hannah May, living in Newmarket, York county; and Eva, living in Cumberland, Pa. Mrs. Rhoads was a daughter of Jacob Dock, of Philadelphia, and Eliza Bricker, of Newville.

George Wilson Rhoads, father of Mrs. Dieffenbach, was born Aug. 1, 1845, in Newville, Cumberland county, and attended the public schools of that town. At the beginning of the Civil war he enlisted in Company I, 28th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under General Geary, and at the end of his short term reenlisted, in the same company, Jan. 24, 1864, serving until the close of the war. On his return he took up the trade of carpenter,

finally entering the planing mill of Pancake, Trullinger & Co., where he was made foreman. He remained in Harrisburg from 1872 to 1888, during that time serving on the board of school control, of which he was president in 1884. In 1888 he came to Bloomsburg and took the position of superintendent of desk work for the Bloomsburg School Furnishing Company. In 1891 he was made superintendent of the mill of Witmer, Driesbach & Rhoads, at Sunbury. He served in the State Legislature as representative from Northumberland county for two terms, and is now in the office of the secretary of internal affairs, at Harrisburg.

Mr. Rhoads married Mary Anna Long, who was born Sept. 1, 1846, daughter of Herman and Mary Anna (Parthermore) Long, of Middleton, Pa. They have had children as follows: Jennie C., born Feb. 19, 1869, wife of Hervey E. Dieffenbach; and Edgar M., born June 5, 1871, who died March 12, 1872. Mr. Rhoads is a Republican and very active in the party. He is a member of the Evangelical Church, of which he is steward, and is connected with the Masonic lodge at Harrisburg; he has passed the thirty-second degree.

Harriet Hannah Dieffenbach, sister of Hervey E., was married Oct. 1, 1890, to Oliver T. Weidman, and is now a resident of Minneapolis, Minn. Mr. Weidman is manager of the catalogue and advertising department of the Janney-Semple-Hill Company, hardware dealers, and of the Ideal Sales Company, both of Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Weidman have four children: Martha Estelle, born Aug. 30, 1891, and Margaret Elsie, born Nov. 2, 1893, both trained nurses; Allen LeRoy, born June 14, 1895, who is buried at Minneapolis; and Ruth Funston, born Sept. 6, 1903, at home.

ARTHUR W. SHARPLESS, proprietor of the Bloomsburg Heating Company, was born in Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., Sept. 5, 1879, a son of Benjamin F. Sharpless and grandson of Joseph Sharpless.

This family is of English descent. John Sharpless came from England to America about two months previous to the settlement of Pennsylvania by the Quakers, and established his home in what is now Chester, Delaware county. He was a member of the Society of Friends, as was his wife. The next member of the family of whom there is record was Benjamin, a great-grandson of Joseph Sharpless, who was born in Chester county in 1764 and died in 1857. When a young man he crossed the mountains and settled in Sun-

bury, where he taught school and later bought and operated a gristmill. In 1811 Benjamin Sharpless came to Catawissa, and in partnership with John Clark bought the old Shoemaker gristmill. It seems that Benjamin had made a trip to Ohio to see his brother and found him amassing wealth in the manufacture of paper. This induced him to start a paper mill in Catawissa. With some remodeling the gristmill was adapted to the new purpose and a fine quality of handmade rag paper turned out. This mill was later supplanted by a modern wood pulp mill, built on the same site, but now dismantled. Benjamin Sharpless married Hannah Bonsell, also a member of the Society of Friends, and their children were: Mary Ann, wife of Dr. Wadsworth, of Catawissa; Eliza, who lived to a great age, unmarried; Edward, who married Betsey Roth and (second) Nancy Pancoast, of Marion, Ohio; William, three times married, who resided in Catawissa; Joseph, who married Mary E. Foster; John, married to Sally A. Harder; Harriet, wife of George Reifsnnyder; Sarah, wife of Louis Yetter; Kersey, who married Mary M. Harder; and two children who died in infancy.

Joseph Sharpless, grandfather of Arthur W., was born Dec. 6, 1808, in Catawissa, and learned papermaking with his father. He remained in his father's mill until his twenty-sixth year, when he went into business on his own account at Bloomsburg. For thirty years he operated the Sharpless Foundry, finally selling to his son and retiring. He died March 12, 1900. He was a Republican, and served as a member of the council and school director. By his wife Mary E. (Foster), who was born July 18, 1817, and died April 23, 1901, he had nine children: Harriet R. was born Feb. 23, 1837; Lloyd T., born March 18, 1839, married Hattie Wagenseller; Benjamin F. is mentioned below; Loretta A., born Jan. 4, 1843, married Jefferson Vanderslice, of Ford county, Kans.; Clara, born Nov. 12, 1844, died April 4, 1849; Elizabeth A., born Sept. 7, 1846, married Wesley Eyer, of Bloomsburg; Araminta E., born Nov. 24, 1848, married Jasper Wilson; Mary Ellen, born Oct. 16, 1852, died Sept. 9, 1855; and Harry F., born Oct. 4, 1863, lived in Ford county, Kansas.

Benjamin F. Sharpless, father of Arthur W., was born May 22, 1841, in Locust township. At the age of twenty-one he enlisted in Company A, 6th Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, was sent to the front, and participated in the following engagements: Dranesville,

Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Bristoe's Station, New Hope Church, and the battles of the Wilderness. He was mustered out on June 13, 1864, returned to Bloomsburg, and learned the trade of iron molder. In April, 1868, he formed the firm of Sharpless & Harman, and bought the old Joseph Sharpless foundry. Three years later the firm dissolved and Mr. Sharpless conducted the business alone under the name of the Eagle Iron Works. In 1866 he married Sophia, daughter of Charles Hartman, of Catawissa, and they had four children: Joseph L., Charles H., Ray F. and Arthur W. Mr. Sharpless was a member of the Methodist Church and in politics a Republican.

Arthur W. Sharpless was educated in the public schools of Bloomsburg, attended Chaffee's Phonographic Institute, Oswego, N. Y., and took a course in bookkeeping in the Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. He held the position of stenographer with the B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio, in 1900, and then returned to Bloomsburg to open a brokerage office. Later he became manager of the steam heating plant of the Bloomsburg Heating Company, and in 1907 purchased the entire plant. Under his skillful management a large patronage has been acquired, and he has exerted himself to give thorough satisfaction to his customers, besides building up the plant mechanically.

On July 10, 1905, Mr. Sharpless married Carrie R., daughter of Frederick and Jessie Smith, of Catawissa, and they have had two children: Helen Louise, who died young, and Phyllis Elenore, born Aug. 10, 1909. Mr. Sharpless is a Republican, but has never held office. In religion he is a Methodist.

**WILLIAM J. HERTZ**, photographer, of Berwick, Columbia county, was born at Beach Haven, Pa., a son of Jeremiah Franklin and Elizabeth Donnelly (Hart) Hertz.

In the early part of the nineteenth century three Hertz brothers came from the Hartz mountains, in Germany, and settled in Dauphin county, Pa., and there John Hertz, the grandfather of William J. Hertz, was born. As a young man he entered upon business life, but later he became a minister of the Evangelical Church, and moved to Snyder county, where he lived into old age. He had the following children: Catherine; Priscilla; Jeremiah Franklin; Elijah, and Rev. John. He died at the age of eighty-five and his wife died at the age of seventy-six. They are buried at Richfield, Juniata county, Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah Franklin Hertz, son of John, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and died at Berwick, Columbia county, April 21, 1904, aged seventy-two years. He enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company C, 16th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, which company was recruited at Mechanicsburg, Cumberland Co., Pa., by Capt. Jacob Dorsheimer, and was mustered in April 20, 1861, for three years, or the war. It was the first company in Pennsylvania that volunteered for the long term. After the war closed Mr. Hertz returned to this place, later moving to Beach Haven, and subsequently to Berwick, where for twenty-five years he engaged in business as a merchant tailor. He married Elizabeth Donnelly Hart, who died at Beach Haven, Pa., Aug. 29, 1877, aged thirty-one years, the mother of four children: William J.; Frank, who died in the Klondike gold fields, having been one of the earliest prospectors on the Yukon river and president of a mining company (he was so favorably known in Masonic circles and elsewhere that noted men officiated as his pall bearers, one of these being the late Joaquin Miller, the poet); Clara, who died at the age of fifteen years; and Charles, who died in the city of Washington, D. C., when fifteen years old.

Jacob Hart, the maternal great-grandfather of William J. Hertz, came from Lancaster county, Pa., was one of the early settlers of Wilkes-Barre, and was sheriff of Luzerne county. He was one of the first men to boat coal down the Susquehanna river. He and his wife are buried at Wilkes-Barre.

William Montgomery Hart, son of Jacob, was born in Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 16, 1792. The family moved to Wilkes-Barre when he was a small boy, the home being at what is now the corner of Northampton and Washington streets. He served in the war of 1812, and also in the Florida and Indian wars. He held several public offices in Luzerne county, was elected to the General Assembly, and followed politics the greater part of his life. He was engaged in the coal business at Wilkes-Barre and Pittston, and was the owner of the Hart farm near Wapwallopen, Luzerne county, but never operated it himself. He was a lover of fine trotting horses. Mr. Hart was a member of the Baltimore Company, operating boats on the old Pennsylvania canal, and was one of the first in that business. On Jan. 22, 1828, at Beach Grove, he was married to Eliza Parmilla Myers, who was born in Sunbury, Pa., and they had the following children: Elizabeth Donnelly died Aug. 31, 1877;

Martha Grant died July 18, 1880; Agnes Ann died July 27, 1896; Orlando Porter died Oct. 24, 1892; Mrs. Frances E. Scott is now residing in Washington, D. C. Late in life Mr. Hart moved to his farm near Wapwallopen, where he died Sept. 6, 1849. He was buried with military honors at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. His wife is buried in Pine Grove Cemetery, Berwick. In politics Mr. Hart was a Democrat. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, and both he and his wife were members of the Presbyterian Church.

William J. Hertz passed his childhood days at Beach Haven and at Washington, D. C., attending school at Beach Haven, and later became a student in the public schools at Berwick. From boyhood he has been interested in photographic work, and as early as he could make arrangements began training in this line, completing a course in the studio of Harvey & McKillip, of Bloomsburg, well known photographers. He also took a course in photography under Reutelingger, of Paris. In 1885 he embarked in business for himself at Berwick, and is now one of the oldest photographers in the place. Moreover, he has developed artistic talent along other lines, and is a decorator of some note.

Mr. Hertz married Mary Louisa Wilson, who was born at Berwick, Pa., a daughter of Dr. James and Elizabeth (Macartney) Wilson.

Dr. James Wilson, father of Mrs. Hertz, located at Berwick in early manhood and entered into medical practice there, which he continued until his death, in 1865. He married Elizabeth Macartney, who was born in Virginia, and died at Berwick, Pa., in 1897. She was a daughter of Rev. Francis Macartney, a minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Baltimore, Md., and he was a brother of Lord Macartney, whose home was in London, England. Mrs. Hertz is one of two children born to her parents. Her younger sister, Gertrude, is the wife of Leroy Wolf, a merchant in Luzerne, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hertz is a member of the State and National Photographic Associations, and of the Brush and Lens Club of Boston, Mass. Mrs. Hertz is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Berwick.

**HARRY E. WALTON**, who conducts an embalming and undertaking establishment on Second street, in Berwick, was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., July 8, 1865, son of the late Rev. Morris Walton.

The Waltons are of Scotch ancestry, and Enoch Walton, grandfather of Harry E. Walton, was a native of Luzerne county. Joseph Walton, the great-grandfather, died Aug. 3, 1851, aged seventy-five years, eight months. He was a member of the Society of Friends. He entered and cleared the land on which his grandson, Rev. Morris Walton died.

Enoch Walton was born Nov. 29, 1805, in Salem township, Luzerne county, and lived and died there, owning and operating a farm of 120 acres at Beach Grove. He engaged in general farming, and was very prosperous, owning five hundred acres, all in Luzerne county. His death occurred Nov. 24, 1885, on the farm on which he always lived. His first wife, Juliann (Lunger), died Jan. 29, 1834, and his second marriage was to Rachel Garrison, born March 22, 1811, who died Aug. 17, 1887. Three children were born to the first union: Joseph, Feb. 14, 1830; Anna, Jan. 2, 1832; and Ellis, Sept. 15, 1833. By the second marriage there were five: Morris, born June 9, 1837; Almira, Aug. 17, 1841; Rosanna, Nov. 1, 1843 (died Aug. 3, 1851); Mary Jane, July 6, 1847 (died July 21, 1850); George E., May 9, 1854. Ellis and George are the only survivors of the family.

Morris Walton, born June 9, 1837, followed farming, living on his father's 120-acre tract above Beach Haven, all of which was cleared and under cultivation. He continued to engage in general agriculture until about twenty-nine years old, when he became a minister of the Evangelical Association, preaching on the Columbia circuit. His wife, Rosanna Caroline (Kline), born Oct. 4, 1836, was a daughter of George and Sophia (Malthaner) Kline, both of whom were natives of Germany. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Morris Walton: Sarah Alice, born Dec. 3, 1860, Mrs. Riley L. Kline; Charles N., born May 8, 1863, who lives in Monroe, N. Y.; and Harry E., born July 8, 1865. The father of this family died Aug. 6, 1870.

Harry E. Walton came with his mother to Berwick at the age of seven years and there obtained what learning he could in the borough schools, attending up to the age of twelve. He then started to work for the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and after a few years started out as a journeyman carpenter, working at Nanticoke and Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Newark, N. J. From 1891 to 1893 he was engaged in contracting in Berwick. He then went to live at Newark, N. J., and while there attended the United States

College of Embalming, from which he graduated Dec. 12, 1892. Returning to Berwick he purchased the picture frame and molding business of W. W. Pursell, and in 1895 he bought out Klintob Brothers' undertaking establishment and has since been engaged in this business exclusively.

On Sept. 6, 1888, Mr. Walton was married to Jennie Kingsbury, born Feb. 24, 1868, daughter of Daniel H. and Esther (Chapin) Kingsbury; the former died July 4, 1908. Mrs. Kingsbury is now eighty-two years of age. Harry E. Walton and his wife have had children as follows: Fred M., born June 18, 1889, now in the employ of the Multiplex Manufacturing Company, of Berwick, married Margaret Oliver, of Berwick; Eudora, born Aug. 24, 1891, is a public school teacher in Berwick; George W., born Oct. 9, 1892, is a student at Lafayette College; Daniel K., born Feb. 15, 1895, is a graduate of Peirce's Business College and now employed as book-keeper in Philadelphia; Lena E., born May 28, 1897, and Caroline, born Sept. 28, 1899, are at home.

Mr. Walton and his family are members of the United Evangelical Church, in which he has long been prominent, having served a number of years as trustee and several years as superintendent of the Sunday school; at present he is a class leader. Fraternally he is a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., Berwick; Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and the encampment and canton of that order; Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A., and W. T. Sherman Commandery, No. 23, P. O. S. of A. He has served his fellow citizens nine years upon the school board, and as burgess for one term. He is decidedly independent in politics.

OSCAR M. BOWER, farmer and fruit grower in Briarcreek township, not far from Berwick, was born June 29, 1861, in that township, son of George M. and Matilda (Mosteller) Bower.

George M. Bower, the paternal grandfather of Oscar M. Bower, was born in Berks county, Pa., Oct. 24, 1781, and died Dec. 8, 1862. Mary, his wife, was born in 1782, and died May 25, 1857. He was a successful agriculturist, and spent his last years in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, where he was the owner of a valuable tract of land.

George M. Bower, son of George M. and father of Oscar M. Bower, was born on the homestead in Briarcreek township, and remained with his father until the latter's death,

at which time he engaged in huckstering from Evansville to Hazleton. During the twenty-seven years that he carried on this business he continued to operate the home property, and there he is now living a quiet retired life, having reached the remarkable age of ninety-one years (1913). Mr. Bower has been married twice, his first union being to Matilda Mosteller, daughter of successful farming people of Berks county, Pa., who had three sons and three daughters. She died Sept. 27, 1871, the mother of three sons and two daughters, namely: Mary J., deceased, married Adam Michael, a farmer of Briarcreek township, and had eight children; Celestia E., born Feb. 6, 1853, who died July 5, 1888, was the wife of James L. Stout, of Berwick, who was with Jackson & Woodin, car builders; Pierce W. died July 13, 1882, aged twenty-seven years; Norman H., with the American Car & Foundry Company, at Berwick, married Deborah Wenner, and had one son, Elvin, born in 1901; Oscar M. completes the family. By his second marriage, to Mary Ann Mosteller, Mr. Bower had three children: Mattie married C. C. Whitmire, a farmer of Centre township; Warren, a farmer of Briarcreek township, married Bertha Sitler, and has had two children, one of whom died at the age of five years; Gertrude, living at Scranton, Pa., is the wife of Isaac Jones, a machinist, and has one child, Ruth.

Oscar M. Bower, son of George M. Bower, received his education in the local schools, and worked on his father's farm until twenty-eight years of age, in the meantime marrying. He then moved to the farm which he now occupies, and has continued to follow agricultural lines to the present time, although for fourteen years he worked for the American Car and Foundry Company, as a side issue. He has developed his tract of sixty-four acres into one of the most valuable of its size in this locality, and the greater part of it is now devoted to fruit and berries. Mr. Bower has been successful in his ventures because he has obeyed the laws of industry, perseverance and integrity in carrying on his operations, and because he has ever traveled along a well defined path. A man of energy and public spirit, he has cooperated with others in their efforts to better the community, and personally he is popular with a wide circle of acquaintances.

On Sept. 26, 1885, Mr. Bower was married to Mary J. Grassley, daughter of Oswald and Christiana (Nangle) Grassley; her father is a contractor and builder of Briarcreek town-

ship. Thirteen children were in the Grassley family: Mary J., Lavina E., Matilda, Job, William, Lewis, Isaac, Emanuel, George, Flora and Laura, twins, Clarence and Elmer. The parents of Mrs. Bower both survive. Three daughters and two sons have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Bower, as follows: Cora, born June 7, 1887, was married June 29, 1912, to Fred Saunders, of Berwick, employed by the American Car and Foundry Company as a machinist, and has one son; Olin Erath, born Oct. 16, 1891, married Scott Dietrick, and has one child, Mary Ellen; Loan Elliott, born Sept. 28, 1893, died in infancy; Theresa, born March 16, 1896, married George Pifer; Jason M. was born March 6, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Bower attend the Evangelical Church, of which he is a trustee, and they have reared their children in that faith. In political matters a Democrat, Mr. Bower has served as constable for nine years, and at the present time is an inspector on the election board.

ORRIN VIRGIL HOUTZ, one of the managers of a department of the Berwick Store Company, was born in West Buffalo Township, Union Co., Pa., April 16, 1868. He is a son of Jacob L. Houtz and grandson of John Houtz, who was of German ancestry. John Houtz was a resident of Adamsburg, Snyder Co., Pa., and was engaged in farming during his active life. He and his wife are buried at Adamsburg.

Jacob L. Houtz was born July 4, 1833, in Adamsburg, Snyder county, and was a tanner all his active life. He was married to Lydia Ann Lohr, born Oct. 26, 1838, in Center county, Pa., a daughter of Jacob Lohr. She bore him the following children: Ida R., residing at Williamsport, is the widow of George Eastman; Alma M. is the wife of Arbor Katherman, of Williamsport; Byron L. married Lillian Harris, of Norfolk, Va.; Orrin V. is next in the family; Nellie is residing at Williamsport, Pa.; Harriet E. is the wife of Curtis Foster, of Norfolk, Virginia.

Mr. Houtz was a Republican, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Houtz died in November, 1907, from injuries, at the hospital of Williamsport, and was buried at Mifflinburg. Mrs. Houtz died at Norfolk, Va., April 19, 1910, and was buried by the side of her husband.

Orrin V. Houtz attended the public schools of Mifflinburg, and while a young man entered the employ of Thomas Gutelius, of that place, and served an apprenticeship of three

years at the coach painting trade, also working there as a journeyman for a year. Besides, he learned the trade of decorating and house painting with E. J. Gutelius, of the same town. After following his trade in various parts of this State he settled in Johnstown, two years before the flood of 1889. In 1891 he began business for himself in Johnstown, contracting, painting, decorating, paper hanging and sign writing. Owing to failing health he gave up business and returned to Mifflinburg, where he soon started in the same line, continuing it for five years. He then entered the store of W. H. Steadman, dealer in wallpaper, stationery, novelty goods, china and like articles. He remained there for two years, when, his health failing, he went to Somerset county, residing there till the spring of 1902. Regaining his health, he opened a store at Rockwood, Somerset county, similar to the store of W. H. Steadman. Here he remained until his removal in August, 1906, to Scranton, where he purchased a business in one of the suburbs. The coal strike compelling him to discontinue his store, he came to Berwick and entered the employ of the Berwick Store Company, and was made buyer and manager of the department handling wallpaper, pictures, picture framing, lace curtains and all draperies, which position he still holds.

On Nov. 28, 1889, Mr. Houtz was married to Mary Frances Benford, daughter of John H. and Isabella Catherine (Garey) Benford, of Johnstown, Pa. They have one child, Harry Benford, born Jan. 8, 1896, who is a student at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., taking the evangelistic musical course.

Mr. Houtz is independent in politics. He served in the official capacities of councilman and tax collector at New Centerville, Somerset Co., Pa. He is a member of the Methodist Church of Berwick, is now serving as steward, and has ever taken an active interest in church affairs, wherever he has been. He is a member of Berwick Camp No. 11082, Modern Woodmen of America, and is a past officer of that body.

John H. Benford, the father of Mrs. Houtz, was born July 8, 1832, and was one of the largest contractors of Johnstown, Pa. He married Isabelle Catherine Garey, born April 26, 1839, and their family consisted of ten children, of whom seven survive. Mr. Benford is one of the most prominent Masons of his section. He was made a Mason in 1861 at Huntington, Pa., and in 1870 was made a life member of this lodge. He is a member of the Royal Arch Chapter at Johnstown; of the

Commandery, Knights Templar, of Johnstown (of which he is a life member); and of Ancient Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Pittsburgh (a life member). Politically he is an active Republican, and has served as councilman.

**SAMUEL NEYHARD**, late of Bloomsburg, veteran surveyor of Columbia county, was born June 24, 1833, in Bloom (now Centre) township, at Half Way House, on the main road between Berwick and Bloomsburg. He was a son of Solomon Neyhard and grandson of John Christian Neyhard, and the family is of German extraction.

From the Pennsylvania Archives, page 138, Vol. XVII, 2d Series, the following notes are taken: Among the passengers of the ship "St. Andrew's Galley," John Steadman, master, from Rotterdam, Sept. 24, 1737, we find the following: Michael Neihardt, George Frederick Neihardt, George Neihardt, whose names were subscribed to the oath of allegiance taken Sept. 24, 1737.

A warrant for 200 acres in Whitehall township, Northampton (now Lehigh) Co., Pa., was issued Feb. 1, 1743, to George Frederick Neihardt, and patented to Andrew Deshler May 5, 1751. On Nov. 28, 1746, Neihardt sold the tract and purchased 250 acres from John Eastburn in Whitehall township, adjoining the land of William Allen, the founder of Allentown, upon which is now located the old Neihardt mill (now Strauss mill), at Clapboardtown, just north of the present city limits of Allentown. Here George Frederick Neihardt lived and died, leaving nine children: Christian, Frederick, Lawrence, Daniel, Peter, Julianna, Sophia Margaret, Elizabeth Barbara and Salome.

Lawrence Neihardt was born in 1740 and died Aug. 1, 1817. His wife, Maria Magdalena, born in 1746, died Nov. 1, 1815. Their children were: Frederick, John Christian, Elizabeth, John Jacob, Anna Maria (married Peter B. Smith), John David, Salome (married Daniel Little).

John Christian Neyhard was born Oct. 5, 1769, in Allentown, Whitehall township, Lehigh Co., Pa. He was educated in the common schools and served an apprenticeship to the miller's trade in the family mill at Clapboardtown. After growing to manhood he bought a farm of 200 acres one mile north of Half Way House, now owned by C. M. Creveling. He was offered land at \$2.50 an acre, but chose this site owing to the timber on it, which was so dense as to require the

efforts of three generations to clear it away. For this land he paid \$20 an acre, and he remained on this farm until his death, Jan. 18, 1847. He married Elizabeth Saeger, who was born Sept. 2, 1773, and they had these children: David, who married Sarah Siegfried; Daniel, who married Mary Shellhammer; John, who married a Miss Evans and (second) Hester Fleckenstein; Solomon, mentioned below; Hannah, wife of David Herring; Mary, wife of Samuel Dreschler; and Susan. The mother died Aug. 1, 1823, and is buried near the Briarcreek church. Mr. Neyhard's second wife was Elizabeth Kolb, and she is buried at Hidlay Church, in Centre township. John Christian retired some years before his death and lived on the old homestead. He was a Democrat, but held no office, and was a member of the German Reformed Church. He is buried at the Briar Church in Briarcreek township.

Solomon Neyhard, father of Samuel Neyhard, was born May 8, 1799, in Allentown, Pa. He was reared on the farm and in youth went to a nearby town to learn stocking weaving, which he followed for ten years. During the intervals he was engaged in farming, and once while plowing with three horses he was thrown down a bank and so injured as to necessitate his relinquishing the confining work of weaving. He had very little education, but possessed a natural gift for musical composition. He spent twenty-four years composing a book on music, which passed into the possession of his son, Samuel. He taught classes in music and instructed the choirs of the churches in Hidlay, Briarcreek and Mifflinville. After his injury, about 1846, he took up surveying, of which he made a success, was appointed a justice of the peace, and did conveyancing. Prior to taking up surveying he taught school. On Nov. 19, 1829, Mr. Neyhard married Sarah, daughter of Philip and Susannah (Hahn) Auchenbach. Mrs. Neyhard's mother died in February, 1822, and from that time she was raised by John Conner, of Briarcreek township. Mr. and Mrs. Neyhard had children as follows: Esther, born Feb. 5, 1831, who died Jan. 23, 1835; Samuel, born June 24, 1833; Henry, born April 4, 1837, who died June 24, 1837; and Daniel, born Dec. 19, 1843, who died April 15, 1844. Mr. Neyhard was a Democrat, and religiously a member of the German Reformed Church at Hidlay.

Samuel Neyhard spent his childhood in a little house fifty feet above the Pennsylvania canal, the construction of which had just be-



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gun. While helping his father build a fence he was so seriously injured that for years he suffered from the effects. The place on which they lived had been bought from Benjamin Boone in 1830. Samuel attended what was known as the Kieffer's Lane school, about two miles from his home, and helped his father in his surveying work by carrying the chain in 1847, in the following year carrying the compass. He was then but a little over fifteen years of age. During 1856-58 he worked for Joseph Swartz in Bloomsburg, and purchased his business, but in 1858 he took charge of the surveying business, which he continued to follow, associated with his father until the latter became blind. He enlarged his father's field of operations, fifteen miles north and south of the Susquehanna, to cover the counties of Union, Northumberland, Snyder, Montour, Schuylkill, Luzerne, Wyoming and Lackawanna, and extended his work into the States of Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and Arkansas. Mr. Neyhard saw the Pennsylvania canal built, developed into one of the greatest highways of the East and finally lapsed into disuse and eliminated by the railroads. He saw the telegraph introduced and brought to its present tremendous importance, and he saw the engineers who were building the Lackawanna & Bloomsburg railroad in the fifties hooted at and abused by the people who thought the stagecoach good enough for them.

Mr. Neyhard was connected with F. C. Eyer, a rodman, in running the lines of the Northern Branch railroad, and in 1872-73 he and D. J. Waller had charge of the corps making the preliminary survey for the railroad between Catawissa and Wilkes-Barre—work he had never before done. This enterprise was squelched in the panic of 1873. Mr. Neyhard was also a member of the pioneer corps which ran the trolley line from Danville to Berwick. This work was fought by the people, but went through. His success was all the more commendable in view of his limited educational opportunities. He went to school for two or three days a week during several winters, and had seven weeks of schooling in the old Arcade building, at Bloomsburg, in the winter of 1852. But he was always in demand by the neighbors to do odd jobs, so he had to carry on his studies in later life. For the last forty years Mr. Neyhard was engaged in preparing abstracts of title, and he perfected a system and completed thousands of abstracts of unrecorded as well as recorded properties. He settled a number of estates. From 1871 to 1891 he was official

city engineer, having been retained without solicitation on his part all those twenty years. In 1870 he prepared the official map of Bloomsburg, at the instance of an act of the General Assembly—the first and only official map of this town. In 1883 the sanitary regulations of Bloomsburg were in deplorable condition, and Mr. Neyhard (who had settled there in 1882), taking charge of matters, had an ordinance passed and secured contributions from the State Normal, the county and some private concerns, with which he engineered and worked out the sewerage system which is still in use. His influence for the betterment of the town was directed into various other channels, with notable success. He served three terms as justice of the peace.

In January, 1857, at Lime Ridge, Mr. Neyhard married Henrietta, daughter of Reuben and Margaret (Gross) Neuhard, who was born Oct. 9, 1836, and they had children as follows: (1) Solomon Dallas, born Dec. 30, 1857, married Emma Cook, and lives in Williamsport. (2) Reuben F., born March 13, 1859, married Jennie Yohe, and lives in Shamokin. (3) Mary Margaret, born Feb. 25, 1861, married to B. I. Price, lives in Denver, Colo. (4) Sarah Ellen, born Feb. 21, 1864, married to George S. Sterling, lives in Mifflinburg, Union Co., Pa. (5) Emma Amelia, born May 30, 1867, married F. M. Everett, and lives in Bloomsburg. (6) John Rutter, born Aug. 29, 1869, married Nettie Campbell, and lives in Bloomsburg. (7) Chrstian Frederick, born Aug. 30, 1872, married Minnie Rider, and lives in Milton. (8) Cora Rebecca, born Nov. 18, 1874, married to Burt R. Henrie, lives in Bloomsburg. (9) Benjamin David Waller, born Feb. 26, 1881, now of Shamokin, married Carrie Scott. Mrs. Neyhard died Sept. 24, 1912, and is buried in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg, where Mr. Neyhard also rests. He passed away Oct. 27, 1914, in his eighty-second year, dying of pneumonia. All of his nine children were by his bedside during his illness and death.

Mr. Neyhard was confirmed in the German Reformed Church, but later joined St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Bloomsburg. He ran a farm from 1862 to 1882, with hired help, but relinquished it. He served five terms as county surveyor, continuing at his profession until shortly before his death. He was a Democrat, active in party affairs, and stood high in the esteem of the community in every respect, being welcomed wherever he went. No one was more familiar with the history of the town.

Early in the seventies Mr. Neyhard became allied with the Patrons of Husbandry, as a member, and was always active in its councils. Almost immediately after joining he commenced to organize an insurance company to meet the needs of the farmers' communities, and through his efforts the Briar Creek Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company was formed. For sixteen years he served as its secretary, and built up a strong organization, which today represents one of the substantial insurance companies of the country. To Samuel Neyhard belongs the credit.

**WILLIAM M. LEMON**, general contractor and builder of Bloomsburg, Pa., was born Feb. 7, 1854, in Fishingcreek township, Columbia county, and gained his education in the State Road schoolhouse. He worked on a farm until the age of seventeen, attending school between times. He took up the trade of carpenter, and came to Bloomsburg in 1881. For three years he worked on his father's farm and then returned to his trade, taking building contracts and doing a general carpentering business. By his marriage to Alice, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Unangst) Shive, he has had the following children: Mary Ellen, wife of Anthony Menzebach, of Bloomsburg; Bertha Edith, who died when six weeks old; Warren A., married to Lulu Delong and residing in Bloomsburg; Bessie Pearl, living at home; and Mabel L., who died at the age of six years. Mr. Lemon is a Democrat, but has held no offices. He is a member of Lavalette Commandery, A. I. O. K. M., and of Lodge No. 91, Knights of Malta, of which he is past commander.

Michael Lemon, father of William M., was born and educated in Fishingcreek township, where he farmed and worked as a carpenter. He owned a tract of seventy-five acres, which he ran for three years, and then employed labor while he worked at carpentering. His first marriage was to a Miss McHenry, who is buried in the graveyard of Stillwater Christian Church. By this union he had six children: Jane, wife of Peter Pealer; Elias, who died in the Civil war; Daniel, who died in the West; Mary, wife of William Andrews; Sarah, wife of Hiram Bittebender, residing in Michigan; and Elizabeth, wife of Martin Robbins, of Fishingcreek township. Mr. Lemon's second wife was Martha A., daughter of Luther Trescott, and their children were: Elliott L., who married Mary Hess and lives in Fishingcreek township; Edward Bruce; William Meldon; Berenice Chrysilla,

wife of Alfred Eveland, of Fishingcreek township; and one child that died in infancy. Mr. Lemon is buried near the Christian Church at Stillwater, and his wife lies in the Zion Reformed churchyard.

Alice Shive (Mrs. William M. Lemon) was born in Bloomsburg Nov. 13, 1854, attended the Buttonwood (or Forks) school in Fishingcreek township, and resided at home until her marriage. She attends Zion Reformed Church. Her grandfather, who was a native of Philadelphia, had these children: Tobias, Simon, Samuel, David, and a daughter whose name is unknown. All of the sons were mechanics. Simon was a cabinetmaker, and Samuel, Mrs. Lemon's father, followed the same occupation. He built a sawmill and added a gristmill to it later. He ran a turning lathe and made posts, handles, etc., besides handling the grain for the entire neighborhood of Fishingcreek township, until illness compelled his relinquishment of the mill work. He married Sarah, daughter of Philip and Anna M. Unangst, and they had children as follows: Melinda, born April 8, 1850, died at the age of five; Mary Catherine, born Oct. 3, 1851, married H. M. Evans, of Berwick; Alice was born in 1854; Frank, born Oct. 3, 1856, married Mamie Burke, and lives in Berwick; Albert, born July 31, 1860, married Eva Trump, and lives in Wilkes-Barre; Charles H., born Aug. 9, 1862, married Stella Herring, and lives in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Shive was a Democrat, and a member of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., and of the Odd Fellows. He attended the Reformed Church and was an active worker in same. He is buried in Zion churchyard, Fishingcreek township.

Sarah Unangst, mother of Mrs. Lemon, was born March 29, 1827, and died Feb. 21, 1913, in Berwick. She is buried in Zion churchyard. Her father, Philip, was born Sept. 14, 1793, and died March 14, 1880, in Fishingcreek township, at the age of eighty-six. His wife, Anna M., was born Oct. 5, 1797, and died Sept. 23, 1881, in Fishingcreek township. They are buried in Zion churchyard.

Mrs. Martha A. (Trescott) Lemon, mother of William M. Lemon and daughter of Luther Trescott, was born Feb. 18, 1820, and died March 5, 1907. She was a member of the Asbury Methodist Church, and is buried in the Zion cemetery in Fishingcreek township.

**JOSHUA OPDYKE BOYLES**, a well known resident of Berwick, Columbia Co.,

Pa., where he has long held positions of importance and responsibility with large industrial enterprises, was born there March 7, 1870, son of William Moore and Margaret (Ruch) Boyles.

James Boyles, the grandfather of Joshua Opdyke Boyles, was a local preacher and also followed horse training, and for many years was a resident of Foundryville, Columbia county. His children were as follows: Nancy, who married Alonzo Sult; May, who married Charles Merkel; Dora, who married Michael Boyle; Cordelia, who married John White; Lloyd, who married Delilah Bower; and William Moore.

William Moore Boyles, father of Joshua Opdyke Boyles, was born in 1845 at Foundryville, Columbia county, and was given a good education in the public schools, so that when he laid aside his studies he was qualified to teach, an occupation at which he was engaged for several years. He also learned the trade of blacksmith at the Jackson & Woodin plant, where he continued to work until about two years prior to his death, in 1901, becoming foreman of the blacksmith department. He was also a member of the Berwick Band. Mr. Boyles married Margaret Ruch, a daughter of John and Ann (Herring) Ruch, of Allentown, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: Isadore, who married Wallace Stout and had two children, Mary and Mildred; Beatrice, who married Charles Hammond, and had a child, Margaret; Oscar, who married Edna Whorley; and Joshua Opdyke, who married Elizabeth Faust. Mr. and Mrs. Boyles were devout members of the Methodist Church. In politics a Republican, he took an intense interest in civic affairs, and for some time served efficiently as burgess of Berwick. His fraternal affiliation was with Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Berwick Castle, 249, Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Lawrence Ruch, the maternal great-grandfather of Joshua Opdyke Boyles, was born in Germany and in young manhood emigrated to the United States, settling at Black Creek, Luzerne Co., Pa. Subsequently he moved to the Nescopeck turnpike, between Berwick and Hazleton, where he became a tollkeeper, and for a number of years was also a hotelkeeper at Berwick. Mr. Ruch was an immense man, weighing four hundred pounds at the time of his death. He was married four times, and by his second wife, who was named Larish, had these children: John, who married Ann

Herring; Reuben; Henry, who married Catherine Fowler; Marcus, who married Anna Roemick; Maria, who married a Dennison and (second) a Caldwell; Katie, who married Isaac Hinckley; and Fannie. By his third wife Mr. Ruch had two children: Priscilla; and Margaret, who married Mr. Van Rouk. A fourth wife bore him one son, William.

John Ruch, the maternal grandfather of Joshua Opdyke Boyles, was born at Berwick, Pa., where he conducted a saddlery establishment for a great many years, and was also prominent in political and civic affairs, serving in the capacity of postmaster under the administration of President Buchanan. He was a lifelong and active Democrat and a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Ruch married Anna Herring, and they became the parents of the following children: Margaret, who married William W. Boyles; Sam, who married Louise Kurtz; James, who served in Company E, 16th Regiment, Pa. Vol. Cav., during the Civil war, and married Elmira Evans; Will, who served in the 84th Regiment during the Civil war, married D. Swank and (second) Ola Andrews; Fannie, who married A. H. Rush; Alice, who married Thomas Welliver; Ella, who married Albert Waltman; Jane; Annie, who married Charles George; and Laura, who married Oscar McBride.

Joshua Opdyke Boyles received his education in the Market street school, Berwick, under Miss Amelia Armstrong, principal, and during the summer months worked at the plant of Jackson & Woodin. He started to work in the blacksmith shop of that company under William M. Boyles, foreman, his father, and then went to the wheel foundry of the same company and installed machinery for new equipment. Subsequently he took charge of the machinery for handling molten metal, cranes and rope dryers, a position which he held for about one year, and then went to the upper machine shop to install machines for rope power transmission. Returning to the blacksmith shop for about two years, he next took charge of the bicycle business of the Berwick Store Company for a like period, and then went back to the blacksmith shop under James Hempstead, Frank Faust, superintendent, and before long was given charge of dies and experimenting, under the same superintendent. About the year 1907, Mr. Boyles went to the steel plant and entered the coach erecting department to take charge of building underframes. In 1913 he was made assistant foreman of the department, and in 1914 was made foreman of the passenger

coach construction and erection department, a position which he has since filled with signal ability. Mr. Boyles is known as a master workman, and who gives to his labor his most conscientious efforts. His promotion has been gained through individual merit and ability and not through favoring influences or circumstances. Politically he is a Republican, his religious connection is with the Methodist Church, and fraternally he belongs to Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and the Rebekahs. He is a talented musician and is leader of the Berwick Band.

Mr. Boyles married Elizabeth Faust in 1905, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Keen) Faust. She is a member of Wilkes-Barre Chapter, No. 90, Order of the Eastern Star, and of the Daughters of Rebekah.

William and Rebecca Faust were born in Locust Valley, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and had thirteen children as follows: John; Henry; Eli; George; Joseph, who married Rebecca Keen; William, who married Mary Smith; Eliza, who married Daniel Schipe; Catherine, Mrs. Mellen; Rose; Rebecca, Mrs. Mauger; Ann, who married David Walburn; Amos; and Lucetta. Of these, Will and Joseph came to Berwick, the former in 1857 and the latter in 1859. Joseph was a carpenter and contractor, while Will engaged with the Jackson & Woodin Company, in the wood car shop, where he spent the greater part of his life. He married Mary Smith, and they became the parents of: Charles; Frank, who married Prudence Mendenhall; and Emma, who married W. S. Johnson.

Joseph Faust was born May 15, 1835, and died Feb. 13, 1899. He married Rebecca Keen, who was born April 8, 1840, daughter of Peter and Hannah Keen, of Briggsville, Luzerne county, and they had the following children: Will and Atta, who are deceased and buried at Pine Grove, Berwick; A. H., who married Etta Snyder, and Eliabeth, who married Joshua O. Boyles. Mr. Faust was a prominent and influential Democrat, and served as burgess of Berwick and as tax collector and assessor. In his religious belief he was a Methodist. His fraternal connections were with the Masons; the Odd Fellows (of which he was a past grand); Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta; the Improved Order of Red Men, and the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

The children of Peter and Hannah (Keen) Keen, the maternal grandparents of Mrs. Boyles, were as follows: Evan, who married Elizabeth Everard; Edward, who married

Mary Sigmund; Alex, who married Matilda Bason; Rebecca, who married Joseph Faust; Martha, who married Aaron Harter; and Ellen, who married Ross Smith.

ALEXANDER JAMESON LEARN, a retired merchant of Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., was born Dec. 11, 1855, in Hanover township, Luzerne county, near the city of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He is a son of the late George P. Learn, of Briarcreek township, Columbia county.

Jacob and Andrew Larnier, immigrants from Germany, settled at Tannersville, Monroe Co., Pa., and took up land. They were among the chief sufferers in those early days from the depredations of the Indians, for in the history of Monroe county published in 1845 there appears the story that on July 3, 1781, a band of savages attacked the cabin of the brothers, killed Andrew, and tortured the wife of Jacob by burning, her death resulting therefrom. Andrew's son, John, succeeded in killing one of the Indians by a ruse. This John Larnier afterwards settled in Westmoreland county. One of his descendants, Frank H. Learn, is now a prosperous merchant of Indiana, Pa. Other descendants of the two brothers are still residing in the little town of Tannersville.

After the death of his wife Jacob Larnier removed to Northampton county, Pa., and engaged in farming until his death. The number and names of his children are not obtainable, with the exception of George, grandfather of Alexander J. Learn. When the family name was changed to Learn is not known.

George Learn was born in August, 1788, in Monroe county. Coming with his father to Northampton county, he lived there until he was twenty-six years of age, working on the home farm. He then went to Luzerne county, where he farmed until his death, at the age of sixty-two years. He married Mary Catherine Dreher, an aunt to Judge Dreher, of Monroe county, and they had these children: Mary Ann, wife of Evan Gress, of Edgerton, Wis.; Sarah, wife of Charles Drake, of East Stroudsburg, Pa.; Lavina, wife of Mr. Keller, of East Stroudsburg, Pa.; Catherine, who married a Mr. Nash; Adam; Levi; Charles; Simon; Lee; Michael; William; Heller; and George P.

George P. Learn, father of Alexander J., was born in Hanover township, Luzerne county, Feb. 7, 1819, and followed farming during his active life. When he was forty-

seven years of age, in November, 1866, he moved to Briarcreek township, Columbia county, and lived there until his death, Aug. 15, 1893, at the age of seventy-four years. On March 21, 1850, he married Leonora Keller, who died Dec. 24, 1906, at the age of eighty-one. They had five children: Henry Clinton, who was married to Rosa Laubach; John M., married to Mary Jane Mowrer; Alexander Jameson; Mary S., wife of William S. Ash, of Briarcreek township; and Augustus Frederick, married to Lizzie Wert, of Bloomsburg. Mr. Learn was an overseer of the poor and a school director of his township, and he and his wife were members of the Reformed Church.

Alexander J. Learn attended the schools of Briarcreek township and for many years followed the occupation of farming in Centre and Hemlock townships and the vicinity of Bloomsburg, Columbia county. In 1907 he opened a store at Bloomsburg, at the corner of Sixth and Iron streets, and in spite of active competition built up a fine trade through his cheerfulness, courtesy and fair dealing. In 1914 he sold out the business and retired, much to the regret of his many customers, who were also his sincere friends.

In 1879 Mr. Learn married Ida C. Hess, a daughter of Reuben and Lavina (Knorr) Hess, and they have had children as follows: Lavina H., wife of Morris Hauck, living near Dixon, Ill.; Leonora, a trained nurse, in the government service at Yuma, Ariz.; and Reuben H., who is attending school in Bloomsburg. Mr. Learn is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America and of the Knights and Ladies of Honor lodges at Bloomsburg, and he is an active member of the Methodist Church. Politically he is a Democrat, and takes a keen interest in current events, but does not aspire to official honors of a public character.

CLARK LONG DICKSON, a rising young attorney of Berwick, was born in that town July 22, 1891, son of Duval Dickson, and grandson of Rev. James Dickson, a minister of the Presbyterian Church, who lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years.

Archibald Dickson, the elder, was a native of Kelso, Roxburghshire, Scotland, and was a shoemaker. He was the father of four children: Robert, Jane, Elizabeth and Archibald. He and his wife died at the age of seventy years.

Archibald Dickson, the younger, enlarged upon his father's trade and manufactured

shoes on a large scale all of his life, dying at the age of fifty. He left a wife, Elizabeth (Waite) Dickson, and ten children: Archibald, James, Margaret, Robert, Janet, John, Alexander, Jessie, William and Elspeth.

James Dickson, father of Duval and grandfather of Clark L., was born in Kelso, Scotland, Oct. 23, 1821, and received his early education in the normal school at Glasgow. In 1843 he went as a missionary to the West Indies, where he remained for ten years. At Brownsville the point of his mission in the Island of Jamaica, was stationed Rev. Warren Carlisle, whose daughter, Mary, was a teacher in the mission school. In the course of their work the young missionary and the girl teacher fell in love, and were married June 9, 1844. These children came to bless their home: Elizabeth Agnes was born June 29, 1847; Mary Carlisle, born Feb. 1, 1849, is now the widow of C. N. McFarren; Agnes D. was born July 8, 1850; Warrand C., born Jan. 7, 1852, and James Irving, born Jan. 1, 1853, died young. In 1853 Mr. Dickson sailed for America, and on the voyage the wife died and was buried at sea, at the age of twenty-six. The family being broken up, the father sent the children to Scotland, and they were educated in that country and in France. He landed at Philadelphia after a long quarantine owing to fever, and remained in that city for some years, being first made associate pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church after his ordination into the ministry, Sept. 13, 1854. He then went to Harrisburg, Pa., and while there married Jeanetta Hoffman, daughter of Michael Duval, a native of Normandy, France, and Eleanor (Hatfield-Maize) Duval, a native-born American. By this union there was seven children: Ellen Duval, born Nov. 27, 1856, is unmarried and residing in Berwick; William Sterling, born Aug. 18, 1858, residing in Berwick, president of the Berwick Savings and Trust Company, married Lillie Baucher, and has two children, Conway and David; Alexander Whilden, born Dec. 12, 1859, a merchant of Williamsport, married Sallie Freas, by whom he had six children, Edna J., James H., Freas, Pauline, Alexander W. and Dorothy (who died in infancy), and his second wife was Martha Helmrich; Conway Phelps Wing, born Dec. 20, 1862, a resident of Scranton, and traveling auditor of the Connell Mine and Lumber Company, married Sylvia Dieffenbach and has one child, Eleanor; James, born Oct. 7, 1863, real estate broker, residing in Milton, Pa., married Annie B. Low, and had one child, Myron L., who

died in December, 1911; Duval is mentioned below; Archibald, born March 19, 1867, member of the Baldwin-Zeigler polar expedition of 1904, is now located in Portland, Oregon, where he conducts a shorthand school, teaching a system invented by himself.

Rev. James Dickson served as pastor in various charges from 1853 until 1890. From the last date till 1892 he did missionary work and then retired to live in Berwick, and at any time prior to his death, which occurred July 16, 1913, could be found at home in his study, deeply engrossed in Greek and Hebrew literature and research.

Duval Dickson, father of Clark L., was born in Northumberland, Pa., Jan. 22, 1865, coming to Berwick with his parents about eighteen months later. He began the struggle of life at the early age of twelve years, obtaining employment in the blacksmith shop of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and at the age of eighteen was removed to the lumberyard of the same company and made assistant foreman. In his spare time he studied telegraphy, and resigned his position to become operator at the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western depot at Berwick, and was shortly afterward promoted to be station agent. In 1898 he purchased the S. E. Smith farm and cultivated it until 1903, then cutting it up into town lots, of which over four hundred were sold. He was the pioneer in establishing the thriving community of North Berwick, which now has a population of about two thousand. He is now living retired in Berwick and is a director of the Berwick Savings and Trust Company and a trustee of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Berwick. On June 12, 1890, Mr. Dickson married Emma Amelia Long, daughter of Charles C. Long, of Danville, Pa., and they are the parents of four children: Clark Long, born July 22, 1891; Frederick Duval, born March 10, 1894, who died in infancy; Jeanetta Duval, born Aug. 12, 1903, and Duval, Jr., born Sept. 11, 1905.

Charles Clark Long was born on a farm near Buckhorn, in Columbia county, Pa., Aug. 22, 1845, and in early youth attended Greenwood Academy, at Millville, Pa.; he remained on the farm of his grandparents until he was about eighteen years of age, when he secured a position as school teacher and taught school several years. He then served as superintendent of the store conducted by the National Iron Company, in Danville, Pa., and upon the destruction by fire of this store was called to take up the managership of the Jackson &

Woodin Store Company at Berwick. He held this position thirty years, when he resigned and removed to Danville again, where he still lives retired at the age of seventy. In 1866 he married Elizabeth Werkheiser, daughter of Peter and Susan (Hess) Werkheiser, formerly of Northampton county, and four children came to this union: Emma Amelia, wife of Duval Dickson, born July 6, 1868; John Frank, born Sept. 14, 1870, local auditor of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick; Linda, born Sept. 8, 1872, married to E. B. Kepner, a merchant at Oaklane, Pa.; and Jane Gertrude, born Jan. 15, 1876, wife of Valentine Chester Trout, secretary and treasurer of the Knickerbocker Lime Company of Philadelphia.

Emma Amelia (Long) Dickson, mother of Clark L., was graduated from the public schools at Berwick, Pa., in 1886, and the following year received her diploma as a graduate of the Bloomsburg Normal School. She taught school four years prior to her marriage, one year at Buckhorn and three years at Berwick.

Clark Long Dickson was born in Berwick, Pa., July 22, 1891, and began his education in the Berwick public schools, graduating from the high school in 1909. In the fall of the same year he matriculated at Dickinson School of Law, located at Carlisle, Pa., of which Dr. William Trickett, noted legal text-book writer and instructor, is the dean, graduating from this institution in June, 1912. At the time of his admission to practice the press made the following comment:

"Columbia county enjoys the signal distinction of having within its boundaries the youngest licensed attorney in the commonwealth. Clark L. Dickson received official notification to-day that the result of his final examination before the State Board of Law Examiners for admission to the bar of the Supreme court of Pennsylvania was satisfactory, and he is further informed that additional credentials are in transit to him, recommending his admission before the local Common Pleas court. Mr. Dickson will in all probability be admitted at Bloomsburg this week. The young man, who is aged twenty-one years, is a son of Duval Dickson, of East Front street. He enters upon his career as a disciple of Blackstone with unusually fine prospects of success. Mr. Dickson was graduated in June of 1912 and, owing to the fact that his extreme youth prevented him from being eligible to take the final law examination in July, he further pursued his law work under the preceptorship

of Attorney William E. Elmes and Justice of the Peace F. R. Kitchen, gaining thereby practical experience in his profession. While at Carlisle Mr. Dickson was prominently identified in almost every spirit of school activities. He was a member of the Carlisle Bachelors' Club, the College Glee clubs, the Delta Chi Legal Fraternity, and president of his class during his junior year. Mr. Dickson has not announced his plans for the future, but if he concludes to practice in Berwick he is certain in a short time to attract a large clientele, as he enjoys a wide acquaintance and is peculiarly fitted as a legal advocate. His many friends will join in extending their congratulations."

Mr. Dickson is a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. and A. M., Berwick, and of Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A.

WESLEY BOWMAN FAIRCHILD, who is in the employ of the Berwick National Bank, was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, May 9, 1886, son of John M. Fairchild, grandson of John Fairchild, great-grandson of Solomon Fairchild, and great-great-grandson of John Fairchild.

John Fairchild, the first ancestor in America, emigrated from England, and settled in Connecticut. After the Wyoming massacre, in 1778, the family moved to Luzerne county, Pa. John Fairchild had five children: Abram, Peter, John, Solomon and Polly (or Mary).

Solomon Fairchild, great-grandfather of Wesley Bowman Fairchild, was born Oct. 17, 1788, and died Sept. 16, 1857. On Jan. 19, 1806, he was married to Elizabeth Lutsey, who was born May 23, 1789, and died July 26, 1871. They had thirteen children, as follows: Polly, Anna, Margaret, John, Rosana, William, Elizabeth, Priscilla, Solomon, Isabella, Martha, Emily and Abram.

John Fairchild, son of Solomon, was born Feb. 19, 1813, and died Sept. 17, 1879. On Feb. 7, 1836, he was married to Martha Line, who died Jan. 23, 1883, and they had six children: Anna E., born Sept. 12, 1837, died in 1883; she married William Fairchild, who is also deceased, and had five children, two of whom survive. Henry S., born March 18, 1839, married Louisa Robbins, of Nanticoke, and had three children, two of whom are living. Alfred, born May 16, 1841, now a retired farmer, living at Three Rivers, Mich., married Euphemia Garringer, and they had six children, four of whom are living. Andrew, born in 1845, died the following year. Martha, born July 13, 1847, is the wife of Olaf

Franklin Ferris, a retired farmer, of Briarcreek township, and they have four children. John M. is mentioned below. The farm on which John Fairchild first settled in Luzerne county, and which he owned, is now cut up into town lots, forming part of Nanticoke.

John M. Fairchild, the father of Wesley Bowman Fairchild, was born and reared on this farm, and remained with his parents until they died, after which he became the owner of the homestead place, living there until his removal to Columbia county, in the spring of 1886. Here he bought 148 acres in Briarcreek township, not far from Berwick, to the cultivation of which he since devoted practically all his time. Having added to his holdings, he now owns 186 acres, and he has been one of the most successful farmers in his vicinity, where his energy and thrift have won him the high respect of all who know him. He has become thoroughly associated with the best interests of his adopted county, and has taken considerable part in the administration of the local government, having served four years as member of the West Berwick council.

In 1878 Mr. Fairchild married Nettie Curtis, who died April 7, 1882, leaving no children. On Jan. 27, 1884, he married Clara B. Wolfe, and they have had four children: William J., born Jan. 8, 1885, married Mary Croup, daughter of the late A. B. Croup (a farmer, who died in the spring of 1913), and has two children, John Allen and William Donald; Wesley B. was born May 9, 1886; Minnie M., March 20, 1890; and Laura C., Jan. 9, 1892, both the daughters at home. Mr. Fairchild and his wife attend the Presbyterian Church at Berwick.

Wesley Bowman Fairchild had the educational advantages of the public schools, and later entering the Wyoming College of Business was graduated in the commercial course. After his graduation he entered the employ of the Berwick National Bank, where he has received gradual promotion. On June 26, 1913, he was married to Edith S. Cooke, who was born in Shamokin Sept. 4, 1885, a daughter of Edwin Henry and Alice (Salter) Cooke. Mrs. Fairchild received her education at Shamokin and in Rush township, Northumberland county, and is a graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, class of 1904. She taught school three years in Rush township, five years in West Berwick, Columbia county, and one year in Akron, Ohio.

Edwin Henry Cooke, Mrs. Fairchild's father, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and was a coal inspector and shipper at Shamokin, Pa.



He is now farming in Rush township, Northumberland county. He married Alice Salter, daughter of Michael Salter, who was born in New England, and Lucy (Gillinger) Salter, of Northumberland county. Michael Salter was a soldier in the Union army, and was wounded while in the service.

Edwin Cooke, father of Edwin Henry Cooke, was born in Shropshire, England, and was a farmer. His wife was Catherine Casey.

Mr. Fairchild is a Republican, and has been a member of the council of West Berwick, serving as president of that body for three years. He served one term as Republican committeeman of the Second ward of West Berwick. Socially he is a Mason, a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. and A. M., Berwick, and Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., Bloomsburg, Pa. He is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church at Berwick, and takes an active part in promoting the best interests of West Berwick, where he resides.

ISAAC S. KUHN (deceased) was for many years a prosperous business man of Bloomsburg, to which town he moved in 1855, passing the remainder of his life there. He was a native of Easton, Northampton Co., Pa., born in 1830, son of Andrew and Matilda (Brutsman) Kuhn, both parents descended from farming people of that county whose ancestors settled there at an early day, coming from Germany.

Andrew Kuhn brought his family to Bloomsburg in 1832, and bought a farm just back of what is now the site of the Normal school, operating same for some years. Later he moved to Akron, Ind., where he and his wife died and are buried. They were members of the Lutheran Church. Children as follows were born to them: Isaac S., Catherine, Henrietta (married John Pursel), Alvaretta (married Samuel Wood) and James (living in David City, Nebraska).

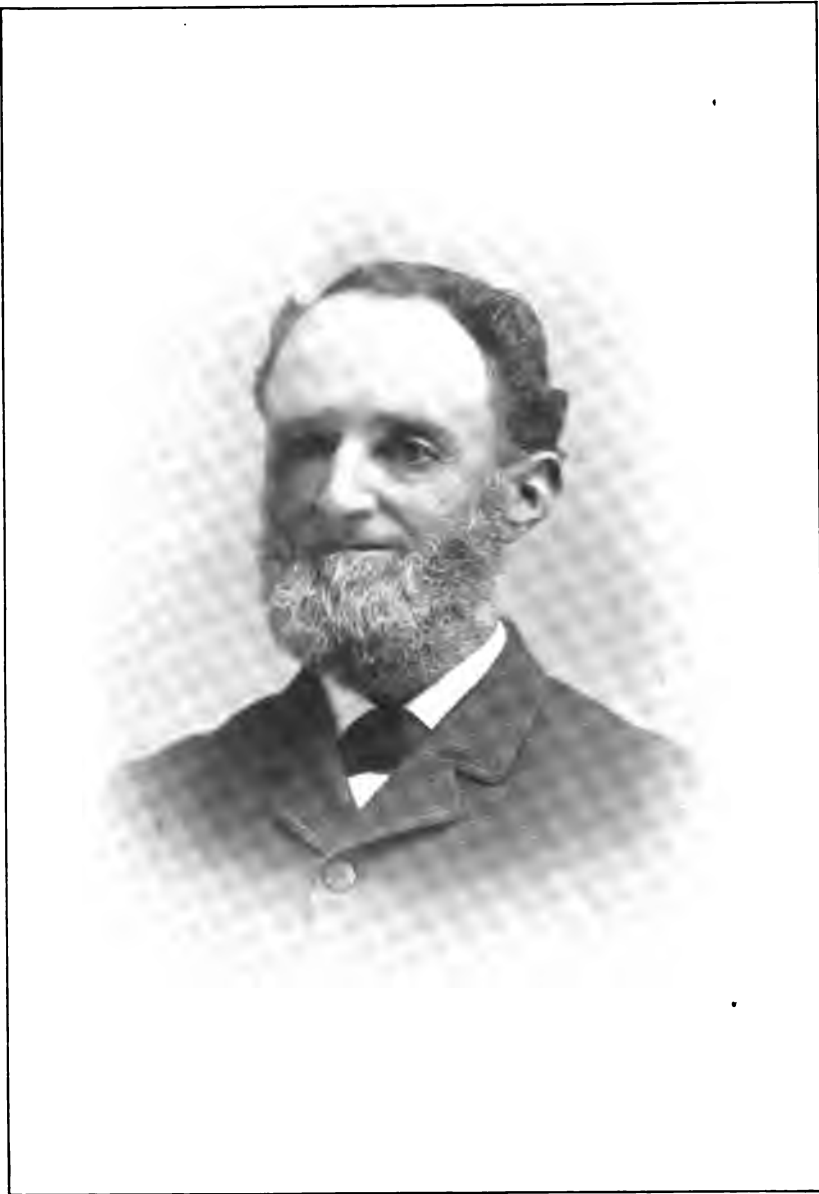
Isaac S. Kuhn passed most of his boyhood at Bloomsburg, but went to Easton to learn his trade, harnessmaking, which he followed for about ten years. He was then employed on the canal for some time, and returning to Bloomsburg in 1855 established a butcher business in partnership with Fred Dreyer, later becoming associated with Zeb Grass. After the latter's death he continued the business alone, being engaged therein for about thirty years in all, and his subsequent activities were in an allied line. About 1855 he began dealing in cattle,

shipping them in from Buffalo, and he acquired extensive interests in that business, which he carried on the rest of his active life. Shortly after he started he was bringing from fifty to sixty carloads (averaging twenty to twenty-four head per car) of cattle to the local market every season, and his transactions increased steadily until he had built up a business of important proportions. He also acquired local property interests and did considerable toward the improvement of Center street, in Bloomsburg; he built many houses in the borough. Though he gave close attention to his private affairs Mr. Kuhn was too good a man and citizen to neglect those which concerned the general welfare, and he was an effective member of the town council for some time. He was also an earnest worker in the religious field, a member of the Lutheran Church and particularly devoted to the Sunday school, which he served as superintendent for thirty-one years, in all of which time he missed attendance only once or twice, and then on account of sickness. In politics he was a Democrat. Mr. Kuhn died in November, 1892, and was buried in Rosemont cemetery at Bloomsburg.

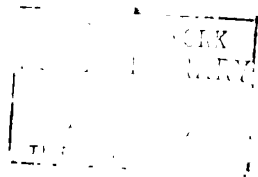
On March 15, 1856, Mr. Kuhn married Susan Dengler, of Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill Co., Pa., who was born Jan. 29, 1838, and survives him, continuing to reside at the homestead, corner Fourth and Center streets, Bloomsburg, where she has lived for over fifty years. She, too, is a member of the Lutheran Church. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn; Alvaretta V., who married John Bittenbender; Eliza M., who died aged twenty-seven years; Emma D., who married Dr. Stewart Kirkby; May D., who married Robert C. Butler; Lottie L., who married Joseph G. Wells; and Bessie R., who died when twenty-seven years old.

Daniel Dengler, Mrs. Kuhn's grandfather, came from Holland, and settling in Schuylkill county, Pa., passed the remainder of his life there. His children were: Charles, Isaac, Frank, Eliza, George and Daniel.

Daniel Dengler, son of Daniel, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., and there engaged in the sawmill and powder business. He was accidentally killed at St. Clair, that county, by an explosion of powder, when thirty-four years old. He married Eliza Shappel, whose family was French, and four children were born to them: Sarah, who married Charles Bolick; Elizabeth, who married Elias Bartlett; Susan, widow of Isaac S. Kuhn; and John K., who died young.



*J. S. Kuhn*



FRANK FAUS, who operates an auto-bus between the hotels and railroad depots in Bloomsburg, was born in Pine township, Columbia county, Jan. 18, 1867, son of Thomas Faus, and grandson of Henry Faus. The family is of German stock.

Henry Faus was born in Lehigh county, Pa., where he lived and died, having been a farmer all his life. He married Elizabeth Hepler, who after his death came with her children to Columbia county, and still later moved to Michigan, where she died. For her second husband she married a Mr. Krisher, and after his death she took as her third husband Joseph Snyder. Henry Faus and his wife had the following children: Thomas; Henry; Polly, who married Peter Whitney; and Eliza, who married Abraham Krauss.

• Thomas Faus, son of Henry Faus, and father of Frank Faus, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., and coming to what is now Pine township, Columbia Co., Pa., bought a farm there. In time he cleared off this land and operated it until his death, which occurred on his property July 5, 1875, when he was seventy-one years, seven months, twenty-one days old; he is buried at Faus Church, in Pine township. Mr. Faus gave the land on which the church was built, and did much to gather other contributions. He was a Methodist, and was glad to do all in his power to get a church of his denomination in the neighborhood, and after it was established continued to give liberally to it as long as he lived.

Thomas Faus was married to Rachel Robbins, a daughter of Joseph Robbins, of Millville, and she died July 28, 1863, aged fifty-five years, six months, twenty-eight days. Their children were: Elizabeth J., who married Lafayette Unger; Henry, who is living in Michigan; Joshua, who is deceased; John, deceased; Josiah, deceased; Mary, who married Michael Kessler; William P., who is living in Pine township; Thomas, living in Texas; Matilda, who died in childhood; Theodore, a Methodist minister, in charge of the church at Millville, Pa.; Martha, who married John Sanders; Rachel, who married Rev. John Beishline; and Cyrus, who is deceased. For his second wife Thomas Faus married Susan Bacon, a daughter of Lyman Bacon, and by this union had children: Harriet, who married Lewis Kile; Frank; Rebecca, who married Howard Shultz; and Charles W., who is living on the old homestead in Pine township.

Frank Faus attended the schools of Pine township. As he lost his father in childhood,

he remained with his widowed mother, assisting her with the farm work and growing up to useful manhood. Until 1902 Mr. Faus continued to farm, in that year going into the lumber regions in Sullivan county, Pa., where for three years he worked as a lumberman. At the expiration of that period he came to Bloomsburg and embarked in the livery business with Mr. Ammerman, under the firm name of Ammerman & Faus, the firm having stables conveniently located near the "Exchange Hotel." They kept fifteen horses for hire, as well as a full equipment of carriages, wagons and other vehicles to meet the demands of the public, operating one of the largest establishments of its kind in the city, and the firm controlled a fine business. In 1913 Mr. Faus embarked in his present bus and moving business.

Mr. Faus was married to Mary Kile, a daughter of Wesley Kile, and they have had the following children: Lucy, Hester, Clyde and Frank. Mr. Faus is a Republican in political faith, and the Methodist Church holds his membership. He is highly esteemed in business life, being a man of many excellent traits of character, and deserving what he has secured in the way of material prosperity.

GEORGE S. MOOMEY, a substantial citizen of Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., was born there April 7, 1867, son of Daniel Moomey. The latter was born in 1832, and died in the spring of 1903. A native of Beaver Valley, Columbia county, he farmed in that neighborhood until 1872, and then engaged with the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, in the car erecting shop. His son being in the same employ, Mr. Moomey taught him all he knows about this important branch of car building. Daniel Moomey married Amanda E. Schlaubach, who was born Aug. 12, 1839, daughter of Daniel and Maria Schlaubach, of Columbia county, the latter deceased Dec. 30, 1855, aged thirty-nine years, nine months, four days. Mr. and Mrs. Moomey have the following children: Lizzie married Joseph Eckert; Mary married George Nichols; William married Anna Sitler; Walter married Mattie M. Sutliff, who was born March 5, 1870, and died Jan. 20, 1910; George S. is mentioned below; Edith married John Shultz; Emma married William Hixon; Pursell died young, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick. Daniel Moomey was a strong advocate of prohibition, and gave the principles of his party efficient support. He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal

Church, and of the Berwick Beneficial Association.

George S. Moomey was educated in the Market street school at Berwick. In 1881 he began working in the car erecting shop of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, of which William Faust was general foreman. In May, 1900, he engaged with the same company in the steel coach department, under L. E. Hess, general superintendent of that department.

Mr. Moomey was married to Blanche E. Sutliff, daughter of Sterling D. and Mary A. (Killian) Sutliff, the former of whom died Dec. 22, 1910, aged sixty-eight years, and is buried at Waterton, Luzerne Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Moomey have had two children, the younger, Sterling J., born April 27, 1897, dying in infancy; he is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick.

Daniel Ray Moomey, only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Moomey, was born Nov. 9, 1893, and received his education at Berwick, graduating from the high school in the class of 1912. Since July, 1912, he has been employed as a stenographer in the office of the mechanical inspector's department of the American Car and Foundry Company, under W. E. Williams, mechanical engineer. He is a member of the First Methodist Church, and of Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S., of Berwick.

Socially George S. Moomey holds membership in Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., Berwick; Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.; Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., of which he is a past master and is now treasurer; and the Berwick Beneficial Association.

Mrs. George S. Moomey finished her education in Huntington Mills Academy, under Professor Clark, passed the examination and received a teacher's certificate, and taught four terms of school in Huntington township, Luzerne county. She is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Methodist Church at Berwick.

Mrs. Moomey belongs to an old New England family of English origin. Her great-grandparents, Miles and Phoebe (Culver) Sutliff, were natives of Connecticut. Their son Abel Sutliff was born in Pennsylvania, was a farmer by occupation, and died in 1867. His wife, Lydia (Brader), who was born in Pennsylvania of German extraction, died in 1887. They had a family of fourteen children, eight still living, of whom Sterling D., the eighth in order of birth, was born Sept. 21,

1842, in Huntington township, Luzerne Co., Pa. Reared on a farm, he obtained a common school education and from boyhood was familiar with agricultural work, which he has always followed. On Aug. 18, 1862, he joined Company F, 143d Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Captain Tubbs, and served to the close of the war, taking part in the battles of Gettysburg, Cold Harbor, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Weldon Railroad, Spottsylvania, and a number of minor actions; he was disabled at Fort Slocum. Mr. Sutliff received his discharge June 12, 1865, at Hart Island, N. Y., and returning to his native township purchased a tract of forty-seven acres one mile from Waterton postoffice, where he has carried on general farming ever since. On Dec. 25, 1866, he married Mary A. Killian, who was born Jan. 13, 1849, the fourth in the family of fourteen children of John and Amy (Van Horn) Killian. Children as follows were born to this marriage: Blanche E., born Nov. 19, 1867, is the wife of George S. Moomey; Mattie M., born March 5, 1870, married Walter Moomey and is deceased (she is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick); Annie A., born April 24, 1872, married Benjamin Winans; Charles W., born Oct. 14, 1875 (member of the I. O. O. F.), married Ida Winters and has four children, Gertrude, Bertha, Margaret and Daniel; Cora A., born Oct. 31, 1878, is the wife of E. Bruce Hoyt and has had three children, Irma Ruth, living, and two deceased, who are buried at Waterton; (Mr. Hoyt is a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., Berwick; the Odd Fellows, at Shickshinny, and the Jr. O. U. A. M. at Pond Hill, Luzerne county); Grace V., born Nov. 4, 1881, is married to Charles Markle; Mason B., born Oct. 24, 1883, is married to Vergie Andreas, and their children are Roland and Donald. Mr. and Mrs. Sutliff, the parents, are members of the Zwingle Reformed Church, and he is serving as steward of that church. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

GEORGE WASHINGTON MYERLEY, late of Danville, was born June 5, 1836, at Mooresburg, in Liberty township, Montour county, son of Jacob and Mary (Herring) Myerley, who were long residents of that section.

Jacob Myerley, the father, was born near Reading, Berks Co., Pa., and coming to Mooresburg remained the rest of his life, living near that town. By occupation he was a shoemaker. To his marriage with Mary Her-

ring were born the following children: Samuel, a carpenter, married Lydia Bright; Rebecca married James Platt, a tailor; George W. is mentioned below; Lydia Ann married Daniel Marsh, of Milton, a saddler; Henrietta married John Hedding, a farmer of Northumberland county; Jeremiah, a shoemaker, married Mercy Best, who lives at Watsonstown and is the only one of all these now surviving. Politically Jacob Myerley was a Democrat. His wife was a Lutheran of the General Council branch, and active in church work.

George Washington Myerley was educated at Mooresburg, attending school until nine years old. He then worked among farmers up to the age of seventeen years, when he came to Danville, in 1853, and learned his trade of carpenter with Robert McCoy. He followed it all his life, engaging in contracting and building at Danville, where he made his permanent home. For twenty-nine years he was employed as house carpenter for the Waterman & Beaver Rolling Mills Company. He was a skilled workman, thrifty and enterprising, and had the respect and good will of all who came in contact with him. His death, which occurred Dec. 5, 1902, was caused by an attack of heart trouble brought on while he was attempting to shovel snow. Mr. Myerley was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery, having belonged to Myrtle Lodge, No. 858, at Danville, of which he was a past grand. He was also a member of the Washington Fire Company. Reared in the Baptist Church, he was active in its work, serving as trustee and singing in the choir. Politically he was a Democrat.

On March 14, 1872, Mr. Myerley married Harriet Susan (Garrett), who was born at Danville Oct. 10, 1847, daughter of William Hoops and Margaret (Cornelison) Garrett, of Danville. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Myerley: Cora B., born Jan. 5, 1873, wife of George Haze Haley, of Waterville, Ohio, has four children, Herbert, Laura, Ernest and Lotta May; Edwin Herbert, born Aug. 30, 1878, who is a carpenter by occupation, married Rosa Getz, and they have three sons, George, Carl and Luther; Bertha and Stella, twins, were born Aug. 27, 1880, the latter dying Aug. 25, 1905; Bertha is the wife of Frank Yeager, who was born Nov. 1, 1881, in Snyderstown, Northumberland Co., Pa., son of Jacob and Sarah (Chamberlain) Yeager, farming people, of Riverside, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yeager have one child, Sherman Foster, born Nov. 13, 1904. Mr.

and Mrs. Yeager are active members of the Baptist Church, and she is deeply interested in its work as a member of the Ladies' Aid Society and of the Willing Workers' Society.

WILLIAM HOOPS GARRETT, father of Mrs. Harriet S. Myerley, was born in Chester county, Pa., son of William Garrett, who lived in that county for some time, came thence to Danville, and eventually to Gearhart township, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he bought a large farm and followed agricultural pursuits the rest of his life. He died there. He married a Garrett, and they were buried in the Presbyterian cemetery, now Memorial Park, Danville.

William Hoops Garrett came to Montour county from Chester county when a young man, and finished his education in the Danville Academy. He taught school for a number of years in Danville and in the townships of the county. Later he became engaged in soap boiling and the manufacture of candles. During the Civil war he enlisted from Turbotville in Company D, 7th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, and served four years, proving a good soldier and particularly helpful in caring for the sick. He acted as nurse during the smallpox epidemic in Danville. His death was caused by a stroke of paralysis at Haskins, Ohio, where he is buried.

On Aug. 26, 1845, Mr. Garrett married Margaret Cornelison, who was born May 5, 1822, and died March 31, 1857. She is buried in the Old Grove cemetery, now Memorial Park, at Danville. Her parents, William and Susan Cornelison, were born Feb. 10, 1792, and Sept. 12, 1794, respectively. The father was blind for thirty years before his death. To Mr. and Mrs. Garrett were born children as follows: Jacob H., who was killed by the cars when a young man; Lydia Jane, who died young; William Albert, who died young; Harriet Susan, Mrs. Myerley; and Edwin Foster, living in Waterville, Ohio. Mr. Garrett was a Republican in politics. He belonged to the G. A. R., and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Danville.

EMERSON A. ADAMS, practical painter and paper hanger, of Danville, Montour Co., Pa., was born in that borough Jan. 12, 1855, son of John Adams.

Thomas Adams, the first of this branch of the Adams family of which we have definite mention, was the grandfather of Emerson A. Adams.

John Adams was born in Dark Hollow, Northumberland Co., Pa., April 15, 1819, and

died April 19, 1892. He was married to Lucinda Vastine, who was born Nov. 25, 1818, a daughter of Thomas Vastine, and died Dec. 27, 1881. Six sons were born of this marriage, but only two survive: Benneville Krim, San Francisco, Cal.; and Emerson Ambrose.

During all of his active life John Adams was a heater in the iron works at Danville and a farmer. He spent his declining years at Danville, where he died. He and his wife are buried in the Rush Baptist Church cemetery in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Emerson Ambrose Adams was born and grew up at Danville. He was still a lad when he secured employment in the planing mill there, where he continued working for several years, until he went into the employ of the National Iron Company. There he remained three years, and then when eighteen years old commenced learning paper hanging and painting, in which line he found his life work. Eventually he became a contracting painter and paper hanger and is doing some of the best work in that line in this section.

On Aug. 31, 1879, Mr. Adams married Mary Elizabeth Hartzell, who was born Sept. 14, 1859, at Danville, Pa., a daughter of John B. Hartzell. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have had children as follows: Rella May, who was born July 22, 1883, married Howard C. MacLaine, of Milton, Pa.; Hattie Lois married John C. Hoover, of Danville, who is a painter and a trained nurse; Harry, Edward Wesley and William Emmons all died in infancy.

Mrs. Adams has been a member of the Baptist Church of Danville since she was twenty-one years old, at which time she was married and united with the church. Mr. Adams also belongs to this religious organization, having joined when he was twelve years old. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Montour Castle, No. 186, of Danville, and was formerly financial secretary of same; he was a trustee of the Friendship Fire Company of Danville. Although a public-spirited man, Mr. Adams has not devoted either time or attention to politics. As a business man and expert in his line he stands high, and holds the confidence of all who know him.

JOHN B. HARTZELL, now deceased, was a farmer of Northumberland county, Pa. He was born March 15, 1835, in Lower Augusta township, that county, son of Solomon Hart-

zell. Conrad Hartzell, his grandfather, was born in Northampton county, Pennsylvania.

Solomon Hartzell, son of Conrad, was born in Bedford county, Pa., July 29, 1792. He married Anna Maria Baker, born in Lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, Pa., Sept. 17, 1796, daughter of George Wilhelm Baker, a native of Germany who came to the United States at an early day. Solomon Hartzell and his wife are buried in the Reformed Church cemetery at Snyderstown, Northumberland county.

John B. Hartzell married Marella Elizabeth Shull on Dec. 23, 1858. She was born April 27, 1834, in Shamokin township, Northumberland county, Pa., daughter of Peter (Sr.) and Elizabeth (Krick) Shull, both natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Hartzell is buried in Fairview cemetery, at Danville, having died Nov. 28, 1904, while Mr. Hartzell passed away Jan. 1, 1908. The children born to John B. Hartzell and wife were: Mrs. Adams Israel Wesley, who is employed in the Danville iron mills; and John Addison, also in the Danville iron mills.

WILLIAM ILES, ex-chief of the Danville Fire Department, and an employee of the Reading Rolling Mills, was born Oct. 1, 1874, at Danville, Pa., and is a son of George and Ellen (Hunt) Iles.

William and Rhoda Iles, the grandparents of William Iles, were natives of Wales. On emigrating to this country Mr. Iles secured employment at the Danville ore mines, and there continued to work until his death.

George Iles, son of William Iles, was also born in Wales, in February, 1853, and was still a lad when brought to this country by his parents. Following in his father's footsteps, he became connected with the ore mines, later was boss roller at the Reading Iron Company's plant, and is now retired. He married Ellen Hunt, who was born in 1855, daughter of John and Sarah Hunt, and they had eleven children, of whom eight are living at this time: William; Sarah, who became the wife of Hurley Moyer; Rhoda, who married Charles Shiffner; Edward, of Danville; Nellie, the wife of John Bookmiller; Mary, at home; Alfred, and Keturah.

William Iles, son of George Iles, was educated in the public schools of Danville, and at the age of sixteen years entered the Reading Rolling Mills, where he has been employed to the present time—for the last two years in the steel mills.

For nineteen years Mr. Iles has been a

member of the Good Will Fire Company, and in 1912 was elected chief of the Danville fire department, which comprises four companies, the Good Will, Continental, Friendship and Washington. He served faithfully, possessing the courage, enthusiasm and executive capacity necessary to the management of a band of fire fighters, and enjoyed the confidence of the public and the respect of his men. He is a member of Montour Castle, No. 186, Knights of the Golden Eagle, in which he has numerous friends; his religious connection is with Christ Episcopal Church, which he is now serving as vestryman. In 1909 Mr. Iles was elected on the Republican ticket to represent the Second ward in the borough council, and was re-elected in 1913 for four more years of service.

In 1901 Mr. Iles was married to Margaret Cook, who was born Feb. 12, 1876, at Danville, Pa., daughter of Benjamin and Ann (Phillips) Cook, the former a native of Danville, the latter born in Wales. Three children have been born to this union: Ethel, born Aug. 3, 1902; William, born Nov. 22, 1904; and Edwin, born Oct. 11, 1908.

THOMAS JEFFERSON SWANK, supervisor of the State Hospital for the Insane, Danville, Pa., was born in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa., Aug. 2, 1850. He is the son of Samuel Swank and grandson of John Swank, both of whom were farmers.

John Swank, the grandfather, was a farmer, and came from Bucks county, Pa., to Rush township at an early date. He was married twice, and by his first wife, Mary Preune, who died in 1823, had four children: William, Samuel, Benjamin and Sarah. By his second wife he had: David, John, Julianna, Mary Ann and Hannah. He was a Republican, and a member of the Lutheran Church. He died in November, 1857, and is buried in the Creek churchyard, in Rush township.

Samuel Swank, the father of Thomas Jefferson Swank, was born March 2, 1819, in Rush township, and worked at farming all of his life. After he grew to manhood he acquired a farm of forty acres, upon which he resided until his death. He was a Republican and a member of the First Baptist Church of Danville. He married Hannah Colkett, born Dec. 2, 1819, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Vastine) Colkett, and their children were: Elizabeth, born July 17, 1843, wife of Melancthon Unger, of Union Corners, Northumberland county; Mary V., born Feb. 12, 1846, widow of Samuel Mills, of Danville;

Sarah and Martha, twins, born Sept. 22, 1848, the former of whom died in 1884, the latter in 1877; Thomas J.; Ira Foster, born Oct. 2, 1854, who died in 1885, at the age of thirty years; and John, born Nov. 17, 1857, who died in 1864, at the age of seven. Mr. Swank died June 19, 1893, and his wife died Jan. 23, 1900, at the age of eighty-one. Both are buried in the Rush township Baptist cemetery.

Thomas J. Swank was educated in the schools of Rush township and worked on a farm until the age of twenty. He then began to learn the trade of bricklayer, and after the completion of his term worked as a journeyman for six years. He went to the West, working at his trade in Chicago and Council Bluffs, and also worked one year on the farm of Orlow Norton, in Ogle county, Ill. Returning to Danville, he worked for a year for Grove Brothers in their blast furnaces, and then went to the eastern shore of Maryland and worked in the sawmill of Gruber & Klotz for nearly two years. In 1880 he was engaged as nurse attendant in the State Hospital for the Insane at Danville, and after a service of but nine months was made supervisor. He has held this position ever since.

Mr. Swank is an adherent of the Republican party and has served for one term as councilman from the Second ward. He is past noble grand of Myrtle Lodge, No. 858, I. O. O. F., and was treasurer for two years. He married Sophia Elizabeth Delanty, and they have had children as follows: Clyde Colkett, born June 11, 1884, married Gertrude Flickinger, of Danville; Harry Delanty, born Jan. 18, 1886, lives in Johnson City, Tenn.; Walter Shultz, born July 4, 1888, lives at home; Ira Foster, born Dec. 30, 1890, is at home; Edith May, born Jan. 21, 1894, died when five days old.

Sophia Elizabeth Delanty was born in Danville Jan. 23, 1856, and is a daughter of John Delanty and granddaughter of John Delanty. She was educated in the schools of Danville and worked as nurse and cook at the State Insane Hospital until her marriage. She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Danville.

John Delanty, Mrs. Swank's grandfather, was born in the northern part of Ireland, and lived and died there. After his death his widow came to America with the children and settled in Easton, Northampton Co., Pa. There she passed the rest of her life, and is buried in the Episcopal cemetery. Her children were: James; John; Isabelle, who married a Duffy; and Mary.



John Delanty, father of Mrs. Swank, was born and educated in the North of Ireland. He was a butcher by trade, but after he came to America worked in the rolling mills at Phoenixville, Danville and Milton, Pa., and in the Milton Car Works. About ten years before his death he retired. He was an Episcopalian, a member of Christ Church at Danville. He died in 1893, at the age of seventy-nine, and his wife died at the age of fifty-seven. He is buried in the Episcopal cemetery at Danville, while she lies in the Follman cemetery, in Limestone township, Montour county. Mrs. Delanty was Elizabeth, daughter of Michael and Sophia (Smith) Fix, natives of Berks county. Mr. and Mrs. Delanty were the parents of the following children: Isabella, born May 1, 1850, died June 1, 1851; Mary Jane, born Jan. 20, 1852, married John Springer; Anna Maria, born Nov. 30, 1853, died Sept. 22, 1854; Sophia Elizabeth is mentioned above; John Henry, twin of Sophia Elizabeth, born Jan. 23, 1856, married Ida Lormer; Rebecca Ellen, born March 5, 1858, died Feb. 14, 1860; William Thomas, born Sept. 20, 1860, died Jan. 5, 1862; Michael Jeremiah, born Oct. 21, 1862, married Emma Tallerday; George Washington, born Feb. 22, 1866, married Laura Blanchard and lives in Spring Valley, N. Y.; Sarah Minerva, born June 20, 1870, married Andrew Roat.

**DANIEL WEBSTER RANK**, of Limestone township, Montour county, now living retired, was for many years a practicing lawyer and at one time district attorney, but even during his professional life he was interested in agriculture, residing on his farm for the sake of his health. Mr. Rank was born Feb. 16, 1835, in Union county, Pa., and belongs to a family which has been settled in this country for nearly two centuries, his emigrant ancestors having come to these shores from Alsace in 1728. Their son Philip was a resident in Earl township, Lancaster Co., Pa., early in the eighteenth century.

Philip Adam Rank, son of Philip, was the next in the line of descent. His father sold him some land in the township mentioned in 1770, as shown by an old writing now in the possession of Daniel Webster Rank.

Adam Rank, son of Philip Adam, moved in 1790 to a farm he bought, in what is now Union county, Pa., and there he died.

Daniel Rank, son of Adam, was born in 1789 in Union county, where he lived and died, his death occurring in 1854. By occupation he was a farmer and blacksmith. He

was twice married, the first time to Catharine Heckel, who was the mother of all his children, namely: Joseph S.; Daniel, who died in Union county, Pa.; Andrew H., of Centerville, Ind.; Hiram, who died in infancy; Lambert, who died at White Deer Mill, Union Co., Pa., in December, 1886; Mary, who married William Chamberlain; and Catharine, who married Martin Mackey, both dying in Union county.

Joseph S. Rank, eldest of the family of Daniel Rank, was born Dec. 20, 1807, and died in Limestone township Jan. 3, 1893. He was always a farmer, and in April, 1836, came to the property in Limestone township, now in Montour county, which was his home for over fifty years; it belonged to his wife. On Dec. 30, 1830, Mr. Rank married Catharine McGinness, of Union county, who died Dec. 31, 1879, and they were the parents of six children, namely: James C., a farmer, who settled in Fillmore county, Minn.; John M., who died in Central City, Colo.; Daniel Webster; Hiram William, who died in infancy; Henry Clay, who died unmarried; and Elizabeth Catharine, now living in Limestoneville.

In the maternal line Daniel W. Rank is of ancient lineage. About 450 B. C., according to the chronology of the "Fair of Carmen," Milesius was a king in the northern part of Spain. In that year eight sons of Milesius, with a fleet of one hundred and sixty vessels, set out from what is now Corunna, on the north coast of Spain, and conquered Ireland. Five of the sons were drowned in effecting a landing, Heber, Heremon and Amhugin surviving. Heber took Munster, Heremon had Leinster and Connaught, and to Eimh-Ir, son of the brother Ir, was assigned the part now known as Ulster, anciently known as Ultonia. It is from this grandson, Ir, the family tree is known to date. We are informed that the first Irish settlements in America were made in the Commonwealth period. At this period thousands of Irish, mostly from Ulster, left Ireland for the Continent. Many also emigrated to America, and in the colony of Pennsylvania one of the first Irish settlements was made, both father and mother being known as Huguenots. At the present time the family is represented by the Lord of Iveagh.

Daniel Webster Rank worked at home on the farm until 1849, meantime acquiring a good foundation for his education in the local common and academical schools. Then he began reading law at Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., in the office of Robert Hawley, was admitted to the bar April 21, 1859, at Williams-

port, same county, and from there went to Millersburg, Dauphin Co., Pa., where he was also admitted. He began practicing theft, continuing until Aug. 31, 1861, when he enlisted in the Union army, becoming a private in Company D, 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, Army of the Cumberland, and he remained in the service over three years. On Oct. 9, 1861, he became sergeant of his company; on Nov. 18th, sergeant major of the regiment; and on June 11, 1864, by order of the Secretary of War, "was mustered back to July 1, 1863, as first lieutenant of Company M, same regiment." At the retreat from the battle of Chickamauga he had command of the rear guard at Rossville Gap, and was the last officer to turn his back to the enemy on the 22d day of September, 1863. On Aug. 31, 1864, he was made Acting Assistant Adjutant General for the detachment of the 1st Brigade, 2d Cavalry Division, Army of the Cumberland, then at Columbia, Tenn., and later was appointed to the command of the detachment to guard Sherman's line of transportation. As such he was engaged until Dec. 16, 1864, when he was mustered out on account of ill health, declining the commission as captain which had been sent him. He has the distinction of being the highest retired Civil war official in Montour county.

On his retirement from the army Mr. Rank came back to his old home in Montour county, where he remained for several years, recuperating, being unfit for any sustained effort at business of any kind. Early in 1872 he went to Scranton, Pa., where he practiced his profession for ten years, during which time he was commissioned (by Governor Hartman) district attorney of the mayor's court—the only commission issued by a governor which had to be confirmed by the Senate. Returning to his old home in Limestone township in 1882, he continued practice there very successfully, maintaining his office in Danville. In the fall of 1884 he was elected district attorney of Montour county, for three years, the duties of which office he filled during that term with the highest efficiency, giving excellent satisfaction. He has also had agricultural interests. In 1898 he was elected a justice of the peace of Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and has been re-elected, filling that office at the present date. In politics he is a Republican.

On May 12, 1875, Mr. Rank was married to Mary Catharine McKune, who was born June 11, 1846, daughter of Hon. Robert H. McKune, then mayor of Scranton, Pa. She

died July 18, 1881, the mother of two children, both of whom died in infancy.

Personally Mr. Rank has always been a man of unassuming character, but his intellect and the ability of which he has given evidence in every work with which he has been connected have gained his opinions respectful regard, and he has always exerted an influence for the good of the community wherever his lot has placed him.

ROBERT SWIFT PATTEN, M. D., a physician and surgeon who has been in practice several years at Danville, was born there Sept. 17, 1874, son of James Augustus and Laura (Razore) Patten, the former a merchant of New York City.

Dr. Patten attended public school in Bloomsburg, Pa., and the State normal school at that place, being graduated from the latter institution in 1895. For the following two years he was in a drug store at Picture Rocks, Lycoming Co., Pa., as assistant pharmacist, in 1897 entering Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1901. For the following four years he was in general practice at Washingtonville, Pa., in 1905 coming to Danville, where he has since continued. Professionally he belongs to the Montour County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, and is an ex-president of the first named organization. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Heptasophs. He and his wife are members of Trinity Lutheran Church. While living at Washingtonville he served as burgess for two years.

On June 11, 1902, Dr. Patten was married to Sarah L. Miller, of Limestoneville, Pa., born Aug. 26, 1873, daughter of Andrew and Ellen (Andy) Miller, farming people. Dr. and Mrs. Patten have had one child, Lucile Miller, born Nov. 8, 1903.

BEVERLY W. MUSSELMAN, deceased, several members of whose family still reside in Danville, was years ago master mechanic at what is now the Reading Iron Company. He was a native of Northumberland county, Pa., but spent practically all his life at Danville.

Daniel Musselman, father of Beverly W. Musselman, was a native of Alsace Lorraine, now part of Germany, and his wife's maiden name was Elizabeth Ephlin. After Mr. Musselman's death she married Thomas Clark.

Beverly W. Musselman was reared and edu-

cated at Danville, and was employed most of his life in the rolling mills there, and by faithful and satisfactory service attained the responsible position of foreman and master mechanic at the plant now known as the Reading Mills. His death occurred Feb. 21, 1875, when he was in his prime, but forty-two years of age, and his wife Anna (Clark) also died when nearly forty years old, in September, 1873. She was a native of Danville, born in December, 1833, daughter of Thomas and Frances (Flanagan) Clark, and granddaughter of "Billy" Clark, in his day well known as keeper of the tavern called "Jackson Inn," at Danville. He received a pension for his services in the Revolutionary war, in which he had fought under Washington. Thomas Clark, Mrs. Musselman's father, was employed at the rolling mills in Danville. Five of his sons formed a drum corps and served in the Mexican war.

Mr. and Mrs. Musselman had a family of seven children: Thomas B., deceased; Bushrod W., who is in Philadelphia; Frances F., a teacher in the Col. W. Parker school in Chicago, Ill.; Anna C., wife of H. C. Hoover, a merchant of Shamokin, Pa.; Beverly W., of Danville, mentioned elsewhere in this work; Elizabeth L., living at home in Danville; and Sarah C., who began teaching school in Danville when but seventeen years old, continuing her work until 1910, when she retired (she was a grammar school teacher in the First ward school, later principal of the Third ward school).

Mr. Musselman never took an active part in politics, but he was a Union sympathizer during the Civil war and enlisted for service. He served as a regimental musician in the 210th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment, and the family still treasure his silver bugle. He was a charter member of Stoe's Silver Cornet Band, and in fraternal connection was a Mason and a past master of his lodge.

COL. ANDREW D. SEELY, of Berwick, Columbia Co., is undoubtedly the best known citizen of that town and section, where he has passed all his life with the exception of absences necessitated by military service. His long and creditable connection with the State militia, the services he has rendered the community in responsible public positions, and, above all, his high personal character, make him worthy of the high estimation and confidence of his fellow citizens, which he holds to an unusual degree. He has had charge of the painting department of the American Car

& Foundry Company's plant at Berwick for forty-nine years.

Colonel Seely was born at Berwick, May 5, 1842, son of Nathan and Catherine (Krischer) Seely, and grandson of Samuel and Margaret (Cortright) Seely. Samuel Seely resided at Stroudsburg, Monroe Co., Pa., nearly all his life, engaged in farming and teaming. While hauling a load of goods from Philadelphia to his home town he was killed in a runaway accident. He married Margaret Cortright, and they had five children, namely: John, Nathan, Hannah, Huldah and Andrew. Mrs. Seely later married Samuel Santee, and they were the parents of three children: Samuel, Isaac and Robert.

Nathan Seely was born May 10, 1812, in New Hampshire, and came to Berwick in an early day, before the town was so called. There he served an apprenticeship to the trade of blacksmith in the shop of Thomas Cole, and later moved to Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa., where he engaged in business on his own account. Returning to Berwick, he followed his trade there for the rest of his active days. He assisted in the organization of the town and took considerable part in its public affairs; held the office of constable; and was particularly interested in military matters. He was captain of the Light Horse Artillery, which he organized, inspector of the 2d Brigade of the State militia, and attained the rank of major in the militia. His death occurred Jan. 16, 1865, and he is buried in Beach Grove cemetery. At Berwick he married, on Feb. 22, 1838, Catherine Krischer, who was born in Columbia county, Aug. 15, 1815, and she survived him, dying Feb. 22, 1881. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Seely: Theodore W., born Sept. 28, 1839, who died Feb. 2, 1840; Frances Elmira, born Sept. 29, 1840; and Andrew Dingman, who is mentioned later. The daughter, Frances Elmira, attended private school at Mauch Chunk, and afterwards married George D. Jacoby, a resident of Berwick. Mr. and Mrs. Jacoby had the following children: Warren; Boyd; Kate, who is Mrs. H. S. Williams; Mary, deceased; Sally, Mrs. H. I. Sitler; Annie, Mrs. G. F. Vandoozer; and Henrietta, who married Robert E. P. Sult, and has two children, Robert E. P., Jr., and Edwin B. Mrs. Frances Elmira Jacoby died Feb. 8, 1901. Nathan Seely was a Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran Church.

Andrew D. Seely had such advantages as the public schools of Berwick afforded, and later attended the select school in Bloomsburg which was taught by Joel E. Bradley. He



*Col. Andrew D. Seely*



went to learn marble cutting with Capt. A. H. Rush, of Berwick, remaining with him until he sold out, about which time the Civil war broke out, and the young man went to the support of the Union. On April 20, 1861, he enlisted, becoming a member of Company C, 16th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry—the first company in the State sworn in for three years. It was assigned, however, to a three months' regiment, and having served that length of time was permitted by the governor to return home. Three months later young Seely reenlisted, this time joining Company H, of the 84th Regiment, which on account of the great loss of men was later merged into the 57th Regiment, 3d Corps, Army of the Potomac, under Gen. Daniel E. Sickles. After the battle of Gettysburg, the 3d Corps was consolidated into the 2d Corps, under Gen. Winfield S. Hancock. Under his second enlistment Colonel Seely served three years and four months, receiving his discharge June 25, 1865, at Washington, D. C. At that time he was sergeant of his company. He took part in many battles, including Bull Run, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville (where his regiment lost 265 men and eleven officers), the Wilderness, Cold Harbor and Spottsylvania, on through to the surrender of Lee. At Chancellorsville he was taken prisoner, but was recaptured by the 1st Corps of the Army of the Potomac.

Returning to Berwick at the close of his army service, Colonel Seely entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and on April 5, 1866, became engaged in the painting department, of which he became foreman July 4th of that year. He has continued to be head of this department ever since, the plant now belonging, however, to the American Car & Foundry Company.

Colonel Seely has long been associated with the administration of borough affairs, and he is still serving on the board of health, of which he has been a member for a number of years; he was a member and chief of the fire department for several years, and has served as burgess of the borough. On purely political questions he is a staunch Democrat.

Colonel Seely is one of the well known officers of the National Guard in Pennsylvania. On Aug. 27, 1870, he was made lieutenant of the Jackson Guards, serving in the riots at Scranton, Pa., in 1871; was subsequently made captain and major; on Dec. 31, 1871, was commissioned lieutenant colonel of the 17th Regiment, and served during the riot

at the Susquehanna depot in 1874. He saw active service at Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton, at which place he was on Major General Osborn's staff. In 1877, on the reorganization of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, he was made aide de camp of the 3d Brigade under General Siegfried; he was also made aide de camp on Governor Pattison's staff, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, serving four years. Colonel Seely did effective work during the riots at Homestead, Pa. He has assisted in quelling all the riots in the State in his time, and has won the highest praise for the good judgment he displayed. He holds a commission on the retired list of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, and is entitled to be the guest of the governor of Pennsylvania upon all State occasions. He has served as marshal of the day at Berwick on Decoration Day for the last thirty years.

The Colonel was one of the first directors of the Berwick Water Company, and is now president of the Berwick Building & Loan Association, having held that office for a number of years.

The Colonel has numerous social connections. He is a prominent member of Capt. C. G. Jackson Post, No. 159, G. A. R., at Berwick, of which he has been quartermaster for twenty-five years; an honorary member of Col. A. D. Seely Camp, No. 25, Sons of Veterans, which was named after him; member of the Union Veteran Legion (Camp No. 32, Bloomsburg), made up of three years' men of the Civil war; of the Society of the Army of the Potomac; and was the first president of the Columbia County Veterans' Association, which is composed of Union soldiers of the county. He is a Knight of the Golden Eagle; a charter member of Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, of the Knights of Malta, and a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 1138, B. P. O. Elks. In religious connection he is a member of the Presbyterian Church. For many years he had charge of the Christmas entertainments of the First Methodist Sunday school.

On March 25, 1878, Colonel Seely married Miranda C. Stackhouse, a native of Berwick, born March 31, 1841, who died Nov. 28, 1899. She was a member of the Woman's Relief Corps and an active worker in that organization. On Feb. 25, 1903, the Colonel married (second) Mrs. Iona May (Arnold) Lynch, who was born June 9, 1865, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and first married Frank R. Lynch, of Wilkes-Barre, who died Jan. 29, 1891. Colonel and Mrs. Seely reside at No. 317 Front

street, in a substantial modern residence, one of the finest in the borough. As one of the oldest residents in the town, and who has been notably active and efficient in its up-building, Colonel Seely is one of its most honored citizens.

MRS. MATILDA A. (WATERS) SHERIFF, one of the oldest residents of Danville, was born in Northumberland, Northumberland Co., Pa., April 14, 1829, daughter of Dennis Waters.

DENNIS WATERS was born in Northumberland county and died in 1878, aged seventy-six years. During all of his mature life he was a saddler at Northumberland, Pa. He married Matilda Welker, who died in 1862, aged fifty-four years, the mother of six children, of whom Mrs. Sheriff is the only survivor. One of her brothers, Gilbert, was killed at Shelbyville, Tenn., while in the Union service during the Civil war.

John Welker, father of Mrs. Matilda (Welker) Waters, was a native of Germany, and located near Philadelphia prior to the Revolutionary war. A merchant of some note, he had the misfortune to lose a large stock of goods during the hostilities, and moved his family to Northumberland county to avoid further trouble. There he and his wife died. Mr. Welker was a man of large means, and possessed many comforts and luxuries unknown to his neighbors, among them a piano, the first to be taken into Northumberland county. This he felt was a necessary article in his household, for he was a fine musician, well known in his section for his talent in that line.

Mrs. Matilda A. (Waters) Sheriff grew up to useful womanhood, attending school and learning the duties pertaining to housekeeping and homemaking, remaining with her parents until her marriage, on Oct. 18, 1849, to John W. Sheriff.

JOHN W. SHERIFF was born in Waterford, Erie Co., Pa., Sept. 12, 1822, and died March 26, 1896, aged seventy-three years. When he was sixteen years old he came to Danville, Pa., to attend to the business affairs of his uncle, Major Colt, who was a merchant during the days when the canal was in active service. Later he established a stage and bus line, operating between Williamsport, Pottsville, Wilkes-Barre, Northumberland and Blossburg until the building of the railroad. He also ran a packet boat on the canal. With the coming of the railroad, however, he established himself as a merchant at Lewistown,

Mifflin Co., Pa., where he remained for thirteen years, later moving to Danville, where he was head bookkeeper for Robert Wooley, wholesale and retail coal dealer, for twenty-one years, until his retirement. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow, and in politics he was a Democrat. His parents were William and Margaret (Colt) Sheriff, natives of Montour county, Pa., and most excellent people.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheriff had children as follows: William Waters, born Aug. 11, 1852, died March 7, 1913, was a druggist of Williamsport, Pa.; he married Sarah Fender, and their son, John W., attended school in Ohio, graduating in 1914. Margaret W., born Nov. 24, 1850, married Addison G. Marr, and is deceased; they left two children: William P., who is a manufacturer of Racine, Wis., married Helen Stocking, and has three children, Helen Winifred, Catherine and Jeanette Isabelle; and Graham Marr, who is an architect of London, England, is unmarried. Matilda Jane, the third child of Mrs. Sheriff, born Nov. 23, 1858, married Harry Rupert, a clerk of Philadelphia, Pa., and has three children: Mary, who is a practicing physician of Philadelphia; Sarah, who married Edward Fisher and has two children; and Lillian, who was married in May, 1913, to Porter Benson and lives in Buffalo, N. Y. Anna Turner, born Nov. 23, 1861, is the widow of James K. Clemens, who died in March, 1910, and resides in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Sheriff belongs to the Mahoning Presbyterian Church. She has been a resident of Danville since 1862, and has witnessed many changes in the borough since coming here. A lady of kindly sympathy and high character, she is held in the highest respect by all who have the honor of her acquaintance.

ALFRED F. SEIDEL, late of Derry township, Montour county, was a lifelong resident of that section, having been born in the township March 2, 1844. His great-grandfather, John Seidel, was the founder of the old "Seidel Inn" at Washingtonville, the ownership of which was in the Seidel family continuously for one hundred years without change of license until Lucy C. Seidel, widow of Alfred F. Seidel, persuaded her husband to close it some twenty years ago. In the day of the early settlers in this region the old fort used in time of Indian warfare stood on the Seidel homestead.

William Seidel, son of John, and grandfather of Alfred F. Seidel, was one of the oldest residents of Montour county.

William Seidel, father of Alfred F. Seidel, was born in Derry township and passed all his life there. He inherited the farm and hotel from his father, conducting the hotel previous to 1870, and was one of the substantial and respected citizens of this locality in his day. He married Catherine Saul, daughter of Jacob Saul, and member of one of the oldest settled families of Strawberry Ridge.

Alfred F. Seidel passed all his life in Derry township, and like his father and grandfather before him followed farming and hotelkeeping. On Feb. 10, 1870, he married Lucy C. Wagner, who was born Oct. 10, 1847, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and died Sept. 5, 1913. The following children were born to this union: Arren E., a farmer of Derry township, married Edna Martz, and they have five children, Allen, Naomi, Elmer, Rodman and Harold; Clarence W. is unmarried and resides in his mother's home in Washingtonville; Claude A. was born Dec. 17, 1875; William D., born Aug. 9, 1885, unmarried, is engaged as a farmer, roofer and lime burner in Derry township; Ada G., born April 9, 1887, is the wife of Clay Martz, of Trenton, N. J. Mr. Seidel was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the General Synod at Washingtonville, to which his widow also belonged. In political sentiment he was a Democrat, and he was an active worker in the interest of his party. He farmed until his death, which occurred July 3, 1892, at the old homestead. He and his wife are buried in Washingtonville Lutheran cemetery.

Mrs. Lucy C. Seidel made her home at Washingtonville at the time of her death. Her grandparents, Michael and Elizabeth (Snyder) Wagner, came to Montour county in 1804 from Berks county, Pa., making the journey by team. Michael Wagner, the father of Mrs. Seidel, was born in Berks county, and was a mere child when the family settled in Montour county. He farmed on the old home place until his death, and was very prosperous, being the owner of five farms. He also built and operated a distillery near his place, which he subsequently sold to a man named George M. Oyster. He married Letitia Dieffenbacher, who came hither from Berks county with her parents, Philip and Rosannah (Mausen) Dieffenbacher, who settled in Limestone township. Mrs. Wagner died in 1881, at the age of seventy-six years, Mr. Wagner in 1872, at the age of seventy-two years. They had a family of ten children, of whom the following survive: Levi, who is a farmer in Missouri; George, living in McEwensville, North-

umberland Co., Pa.; and Daniel, of Washingtonville. Charles died May 22, 1913; Mrs. Lydia Gresh, of Washingtonville, died in February, 1914; Mrs. Lucy C. Seidel died in September, 1913; Fayette, wife of J. Miller, died in Washingtonville in July, 1913.

ARREN E. SEIDEL, eldest son of Alfred F. Seidel, was born on the old Seidel homestead in Derry township Oct. 16, 1872. He received his early education at Strawberry Ridge, in that township, attending public school until he was fifteen years old, when he entered Greenwood Seminary, Millville, Columbia county, and took a two years' course. Following that he became a student at the Lycoming normal school, at Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., and qualified as a teacher. He also attended Potts Shorthand College, at Williamsport, and took a fourteen months' course, graduating as a stenographer and typewriter. He followed that line of work in Williamsport for one and a half years, when he entered the United States railway postal service, and was assigned to the run between Elmira, N. Y., and Baltimore, Md., remaining in the service for fourteen months. At that time he married, May 18, 1902, Edna Martz, and they live on his farm of thirty-nine acres, located in Derry township, near Danville, all of which is cleared and under cultivation. Mr. Seidel has since made a specialty of the training of bird dogs, at present having dogs in training whose value amounts to six thousand dollars; he has trained this kind of dogs for the leading sportsmen in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Since its organization he has been president of the Game and Fish Club of Montour county, which has three hundred members, and its object is to protect and increase the game and fish of the country. The members have practically the same powers as game wardens. Mr. Seidel is a Democrat, and has served his township as tax collector and school director. He is a member of the Danville Aerie, No. 338, F. O. E., of the Modern Woodmen of America at Washingtonville, and a charter member of Danville Nest, No. 1240, Order of Owls.

Mrs. Edna (Martz) Seidel was born May 27, 1882, daughter of Jacob and Clara (Snyder) Martz. Mr. and Mrs. Seidel have had five children, born as follows: Allen, Aug. 19, 1903; Naomi, Oct. 31, 1905; Elmer, Sept. 15, 1907; Rodman, Nov. 20, 1910; Harold, April 9, 1912. Mr. Seidel and his family are members of the Evangelical Church at Washingtonville.

CLARENCE W. SEIDEL, second son of Alfred



F., now engaged as a contractor at Washingtonville, Derry township, was born on the old Seidel homestead Jan. 27, 1874. He attended school at Strawberry Ridge until seventeen years old, and then entered the general store of Casper Howe, at Strawberry Ridge, as a clerk. His next position was at Danville, where he was bar clerk in the "Mansion House" for seven years. Returning to the old homestead, he had charge of the stone quarries and limekilns on the place for five years, and since that time has been engaged in contracting, painting, cement bridge and stone work. At the present time he holds the appointment, from the county commissioner, of contractor in charge of all the bridges in the county of Montour. Politically he is a Democrat, and he was a delegate to the State Democratic convention held at Harrisburg in 1902. He is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Washingtonville.

**CHARLES MELLIN JOHNSTON**, painter and archaeologist, of Danville, Pa., was born in McEwensville, Northumberland Co., Pa., May 17, 1850, and is a son of James Johnston, a native of Montour county.

James Johnston, his grandfather, was of Scotch-Irish ancestry and resided all of his life in Anthony township, then a part of Northumberland county. He was a farmer, a Whig in politics, and a member of the Derry Presbyterian Church. He lived to a great age. He and his two wives are buried in the Derry cemetery. By his first marriage, to Sarah Hazlett, his children were: James; William, a justice of the peace of Danville; and Margaret. The second wife was Sarah Clark, and her children were: Robert C., who married Rebecca Nesbit, of Chillisquaque; Sarah Ann, wife of John Craig, of Sturgis, Ind.; Charles, who was drowned at the age of eighteen; and John M.

James Johnston, father of Charles M., was born Sept. 28, 1808, in Anthony township. He learned the trade of tailor with John Lundy, of Danville, in 1825, and then made a journeyman tour of the State, going as far as Canandaigua, N. Y. Returning he settled in Milton, Pa., and then went to McEwensville, where he remained until the spring of 1859. There he became prominent in politics, as a member of the Whig party, and was made tax collector and constable. He was an active member of the Methodist Church and entertained many of the traveling preachers who came to the town. He left McEwensville for Danville, where he went to work for Grove

Brothers, as work at the trade of tailor had declined. He remained with Grove Brothers until 1870, when he received an injury which finally resulted in his death, May 12, 1871. He and his wife are buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Danville. He was a member of the Republican party at the time of his death.

James Johnston married Lydia Mellin, daughter of Isaac and Leah (John) Mellin. She was born in August, 1809. They had children as follows: Sallie Ann, born Dec. 20, 1829, died June 8, 1832; Clarissa Jane, born March 24, 1832, died Feb. 14, 1900; Harriet, born July 3, 1835, married Joseph C. Oaks, and died Aug. 23, 1876; Margaret Viola, born May 1, 1837, married William H. Hunt, and died July 2, 1882; David, born Feb. 18, 1840, died May 2, 1840; a child born Dec. 25, 1840, died at birth; William Hirst, born May 20, 1842, died April 25, 1843; a child born June 6, 1844, died at birth; Mary Ellen, born March 10, 1847, married Ilif H. Pershing, of Shamokin, Pa., and died Jan. 8, 1914; Charles Mellin is mentioned below.

Charles M. Johnston came to Danville with his parents at the age of nine, and attended school in that town. In 1869 he completed the course in painting in the local shops, and since then he has followed this occupation continuously, with the exception of a few years spent as overseer of laborers for the firm of Grove Brothers. In 1885 he went to Kansas to visit his father-in-law, expecting to make his home there, but he lost all of his money and returned in 1887. He married Emma A. Vastine, born Sept. 19, 1852, daughter of Benneville K. and Anna (Levers) Vastine, of Northampton county, and their children are: Benneville V., born Nov. 1, 1884, living in Waterloo, Iowa; and Alice Goldie, born Oct. 9, 1881, who married Fred Lewis and has two children, Pearl Edith, born March 9, 1908, and Frederick, born Dec. 22, 1910.

After his return from Kansas Mr. Johnston followed his trade for a time, but is now living practically retired. He is a Republican and has been a member of Washington Fire Company, No. 2, of Danville, since 1867. In 1868 he was a member of the Danville Fire Zouaves, an organization that had many veterans of the Civil war in its membership. He has been foreman, president, vice president, secretary and assistant secretary of the fire company, and is now a member of the relief committee. He is also a member of the State Firemen's Association. At present he is writing a history of the Danville fire department covering the last fifty years. He is a deacon

and Sunday school teacher of the First Baptist Church of Danville, and has held all the other offices, having served as clerk for fifteen years.

In his spare moments Mr. Johnston spends the time with his rare and complete collection of Indian relics. He is something more than a mere collector, he is an archæologist of note, and has made the subject a profound study. During his three years' residence in the West he studied the Indians of the present age at first hand, and this helped him in the classifying of his immense collection. Most of the relics are of his own gathering, and he is very expert in unearthing from the debris of the streams the remains of the past possessors of this continent. He has an old Bible, printed in London in 1669, which he inherited through a line of ancestors from William Harvout, a son-in-law of Griffith John, a famous Welshman of the county in the first days of settlement. He also has an extensive collection of almanacs, published between 1777 and 1850, among them being three copies of Benjamin Franklin's "Poor Richard's Almanack."

Lydia Mellin, mother of Charles Mellin Johnston, was born in August, 1809, in the southeastern part of Pennsylvania. Her father, Isaac Mellin, born in 1771, died in Danville in 1833. He was a blacksmith, and came to Valley township when his daughter Lydia was but nine years of age, later moving to Danville and living near the foot of Pine street. He followed blacksmithing all of his life. Mr. Mellin married Leah John, born in 1772, daughter of Griffith and Sarah John, and they had children as follows: John, born in 1797, died in infancy; Johanna, born in 1798, married William Van Horn, who died April 7, 1855, she dying Oct. 26, 1864; Sarah, born in 1800, died in 1857, married David Davis, born in November, 1794, died Aug. 24, 1884, who left \$400 to keep the Methodist cemetery where his wife and himself are buried in order (it is known as the Hendrickson cemetery and is in Valley township); Gideon, born in 1802, married Sarah Gaskins, died in 1848, and is buried in Grove cemetery; Enoch, born in 1804, married Jane Quick, died in 1849, and is buried in Grove cemetery; Lydia, born in 1809, married James Johnston. Isaac Mellin and his wife are buried in the old Peterkin graveyard, adjoining the old Grove cemetery, now part of Memorial Park.

Griffith John, the grandfather of Mrs. Mellin, was a member of the Society of Friends. He was born about 1683, and came from

Pembrokeshire, South Wales, landing at Philadelphia Feb. 11, 1709. Settling in Uwchlan township, Chester county, he became a prominent preacher. He was minister of the church for over seventy years, dying May 29, 1778, at the age of ninety-five. He married Ann Williams, daughter of Robert Williams, called the "King of Goshen," and to this marriage were born twelve children, of whom all but one reached maturity. All except Griffith, Jr., removed to other parts of the State.

Griffith John, Jr., was born in Chester county Aug. 26, 1729. He inherited his father's farm. During the Revolution he was left unmolested, although both armies were frequently near his home. He married Sara, daughter of Humphrey Lloyd, and they had the following children: Abiah, born in 1761, died in 1838, who married Martha John, his first cousin, and emigrated to Elysburg, Northumberland county, in 1795; Rachel, who married John Bernholtz and emigrated to Lycoming county; Leah, wife of Isaac Mellin; Mary, wife of Nathaniel Bennett; Grace, wife of William Davis; Hannah, wife of David Phillips; and Rebecca, born in 1777, who married William Harvout and (second) Thomas Davis.

William Harvout settled upon a tract in Cooper township, Montour county, now known as the Yorks homestead. At the time of the Wyoming massacre he and his family buried their valuables and fled to Chester county. There the husband died. Some ten years later Mrs. Harvout returned to Montour, where she married Thomas Davis, and among her children was Squire David Davis, from whom Charles M. Johnston inherited the old Bible and the almanacs mentioned above.

Thomas Vastine, grandfather of Mrs. Charles M. Johnston, settled at Union Corners, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he owned a farm. He was a contractor, doing bricklaying and stonemason work, and made a special business of the construction of furnaces, having the reputation of being the best furnace builder in his section of the county, where his work was in great demand. In politics he was a Democrat. He lived to be over eighty years old, and he and his wife are buried in the graveyard of the Rush Baptist Church in Northumberland county. Her maiden name was Ellis, and they had a large family, viz.: Benneville Keim was the father of Mrs. Johnston; Rufus married Mary Lambertson, and they had children, Florence May (Mrs. John Super), Ada (Mrs. Arthur Myerley), Judson (who lives at Wilmerding, Pa.), Welling-

ton B. (who married Sarah Cook and lives at Wilmerding), and Benneville (unmarried); Thomas Judson married Susan Fisher, and their children are Virgie, Dr. Harry (of Harrisburg), Dr. Herbert (of Reading, Pa.), and Annie; John had one daughter, who married Herbert Hobbs; Lucinda married John Adams, and had children, Thomas, Alonzo, Benneville Keim, Clarion, Sylvester and Emerson Ambrose; Mary is unmarried; Ann, who was killed by lightning in 1852, was the wife of George Pensyl and had two children, Helen and Ellis; Jane married William Bird, and they had children, Rufus, Malissa (married Clarence Gearhart), Howard (of Harrisburg) and Judson; Matilda married a Vasant and had one child, Anna (Mrs. James Campbell); Gasilla married Henry Martin and had one child, Addison, who was married and had three children, Anna (Mrs. Francis Crowl), Dora, and Addison (married Sarah Ryan); Samantha married William McLain and had two children, George Leslie and Flora May.

Benneville Keim Vastine became a contracting bricklayer, following that business all his life, and like his father built a number of furnaces. Going west to Kansas, he carried on business there until his death, which occurred June 28, 1887, when he was sixty-three years of age. His wife, Anna (Levers), daughter of William Levers, died in October, 1886. Mr. and Mrs. Keim are buried at Augusta, Kans. They were the parents of the following children: William Thomas, who married Alice Corman; Emma A., Mrs. Charles M. Johnston; Elizabeth, who died when eleven years old; Arthur T., a prominent mason of Deweyville, Texas, married to Mary E. Davis; John, who married Sarah Myerley; Joseph; and Archibald V., unmarried.

JAMES P. RISHEL, foreman at the Structural Tubing Works, at Danville, Pa., was born at Mechanicsville, Pa., March 9, 1855, and is a son of John R. and Elizabeth Ann (Richard) Rishel.

John R. Rishel was born near Danville, Pa., and as a lad was engaged in common laboring until he learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed at Mechanicsville. He became a contractor. In 1860 he opened a general store at that place, and at the same time operated teams to haul ore to the rolling mills. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company F, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered out at Har-

risburg Oct. 21, 1862, shortly after which he took sick. He died at Yorktown, Va., in January, 1863, and his body was brought home and buried in the Reformed cemetery at Danville. A brave and faithful soldier, his valiant services won him promotion to the rank of corporal. He was a devout member of the Mechanicsville Methodist Church. Mrs. Rishel, born Jan. 20, 1816, died March 1, 1880, at the age of sixty-four years, the mother of ten children: Fannie, who is now the wife of John D. Cook, of Renovo, Pa., has six children; James P. is mentioned below; John C. F., residing at Utica, N. Y., married Mary Clara Kessler and they have five children; Charlotte died young; Elizabeth married Alfred Roberts, and had two children; Alice married John M. Sechler; Leander married Jennie Curtis and has four children; Wood died in infancy, as did two other children.

James P. Rishel, son of John R. Rishel, completed his schooling when fifteen years old, at which age he secured employment with the National Iron Company of Danville, remaining with that concern two years. He then entered upon an apprenticeship at the Burgess planing mill at Danville, where he served three years, learning the trade of carpenter. Following same until 1876, he secured employment with the North Branch Steel Company of Danville, and upon the request of the William Wharton Jr. Company, of New York, for the services of an expert mechanic, was transferred to that city, where he became superintendent of construction on the Third avenue street railway. Subsequently he filled a like position in the construction of an electric railway in Philadelphia. Since 1897 Mr. Rishel has been a foreman at the Structural Tubing Works at Danville, Pa. A Republican in politics, he has served one term as representative of the Second ward in the city council. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, Montour Lodge No. 109, and the Elks, Danville Lodge, No. 754, and has been a lifelong member of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church.

On Dec. 27, 1887, Mr. Rishel was married to Annetta Mock, who was born Sept. 14, 1853, daughter of Joseph and Rachel (Mauger) Mock, the latter a daughter of John and Susan (Yocum) Mauger, farming people of Berks county, Pa. Mrs. Rishel's paternal grandparents were John and Barbara (Fritz) Mock, of Montgomery county, Pa. She has one brother, Daris, who resides in Berks county. Mr. and Mrs. Rishel have two chil-

dren: James Normand, born Jan. 15, 1890, now an engineer at the State Hospital; and Annetta Viola, born April 12, 1892, a graduate of the high school and the Russell business college. Miss Rishel is a member of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, where she is a teacher in the Sunday school, and belongs also to the Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Society and the Presbyterian Sunbeam Mission. Mrs. Rishel is also a member of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church.

RUSH YERRICK, a retired citizen of Danville, Pa., was born there April 7, 1837, son of John and Isabella (McFalls) Yerrick.

John Yerrick, the father, was born in Baden, Germany, and was a lad of twelve years when he emigrated to America, locating first in Philadelphia, Pa. He was employed at painting, and being industrious and ambitious saved his earnings, which he brought with him in a bag to Reading, Pa., when he was sixteen years of age. He married in Reading, and subsequently came to Danville, when still a young man, here engaging in various occupations. At one time he helped to build the old "Henry House," now the "Heddens House." His death occurred in Danville in 1865, when he was seventy-eight years old. He married Isabella McFalls, a native of Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., and of Irish ancestry. They became the parents of eleven children, of whom Rush is the only survivor.

Rush Yerrick, son of John Yerrick, attended the Hartman school in Danville. At the age of thirteen years he secured employment at the old Allen & Grove mills, where he continued to be employed for forty-eight years. In time he became boss roller, and as such continued in the rolling mills until 1898, when, believing that he had earned a rest by his long and persevering labor, he retired. He has never been a politician, and prefers his home to any fraternal organization or club. His religious connection is with Christ Episcopal Church. His long and honorable career has been passed entirely in Danville, where he has the full confidence and esteem of a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Yerrick was married to Sarah Jane Smith, who was born on the same street in Danville as her husband, Feb. 15, 1841, and to this union there have been born children as follows: Anna, deceased, married Joseph Schwartz; Adella, deceased, who was the wife of Edward Polgrean, left one son, Rush H., now of Los Angeles, Cal.; Frank, who is unmarried, is a resident of Indianapolis, Ind.;

Charles R., master mechanic for the Westinghouse Electrical and Engineering Company, at Brooklyn, N. Y., married Janet Graham, and their children are Margaret Elizabeth and Charles Rush.

MONT DERR, master mechanic at the State Hospital for the Insane at Danville, was born Aug. 4, 1874, in White Hall, Anthony township, Montour Co., Pa. He is a son of Thomas Derr and grandson of John Derr, the family being one of the oldest in Montour county, Pennsylvania.

John Derr, the grandfather, was born May 10, 1807, and died Oct. 10, 1897. He owned several farms in Anthony township, aggregating four hundred acres, and was a successful tiller of the soil. He later entered the hotel business at Washingtonville for a time, but sold out and returned to farming, finally removing to White Hall and retiring. He married Elizabeth McKee, who was born Sept. 22, 1809, and had children: Thomas; James, killed in a hunting accident at the age of forty; William, who married Margaret Hendershott, and both are deceased; Alem, who married Sarah Dildine, of Bloomsburg, and John. Mr. Derr was a Democrat and had held all of the township offices, being at one time treasurer of Montour county. He was an active member of the Derry Presbyterian Church, his wife also being an attendant. They are both buried in the Derry cemetery.

Thomas Derr was born Nov. 22, 1836, in Washingtonville, Derry township, Montour county, and attended the schools of Hughesville and White Hall. He learned the trade of carpenter and became one of the best mechanics in his district, and many specimens of his thorough and careful workmanship are still standing in the county. He married Isabella Jane Deer, and they had one child, William, born Oct. 8, 1861, who died Oct. 12, 1869, from the effects of a kick of a horse. Mrs. Derr is buried in Derry cemetery. Mr. Derr married (second) Sarah Samantha, daughter of Wesley and Margaret (Taylor) Johnson, and by this marriage he had three children: Charles W., born Nov. 12, 1870, married Mary Jane Beiter; Isabelle, born July 3, 1872, married William Gouger, ex-postmaster of Danville; Mont is mentioned below.

Mr. Derr built a fine home in White Hall and planted an orchard beside it, but after the death of his last wife he sold the property and now has been retired about ten years. He has a good war record, having served in

the Civil war during the Peninsula campaign, and he did scout duty near Washington, but never participated in any engagements; he was mustered out at Harrisburg. He is now living with his children. He has always been temperate in his habits, and his life has been prolonged beyond the allotted threescore and ten. His wife, who died in December, 1913, is buried in the Derry cemetery. She was an active member of the Derry Presbyterian Church. Mr. Derr was formerly an Odd Fellow at Exchange, but has now withdrawn from membership.

Mont Derr was educated in the schools of White Hall and then learned the carpenter's trade under the efficient tutelage of his father. In addition to the common school course he took a preparatory course in Millville Academy, and a three-year course in the Bloomsburg State normal school. From 1898 to 1911 he taught school in Anthony township, Montour county, Madison township, Columbia county, and the high school in Turbotville, Northumberland county. He taught school in the winter and followed his trade in the summer, working with his father for twenty years. He has been master mechanic at the State Hospital for the past three years.

Mr. Derr married Elizabeth, daughter of John W. and Harriet (McFall) McWilliams, and they have had these children: Eleanor, born Dec. 7, 1900; James McKee, born April 12, 1902; Charles W., born Aug. 14, 1907; Carrie Isabelle, born Sept. 19, 1909; William David, born May 20, 1911; and Robert Thomas, born June 5, 1913. Mr. Derr is a Democrat, and served one term as auditor of Anthony township. He is a Presbyterian in religious leanings.

Elizabeth McWilliams (Mrs. Derr) was born in Liberty township, Montour county, Jan. 9, 1879, and was educated in the schools of White Hall. She remained at home until her marriage. Her great-grandfather was John McWilliams, a settler in Northumberland county. His son, John Cruiser McWilliams, was the first of the family of whom definite record is to be had.

John Cruiser McWilliams was born in Chillisquaque township, Northumberland county, carried on farming, and died there at the age of sixty-eight. He had the usual limited schooling afforded in that day and worked in his youth for a short time at carpentering, but soon returned to the old homestead, where he farmed until his death. He married Susan Jane, daughter of Jacob Sanders and Elizabeth (Diehl) Rishel, who was

born in 1834 and died in August, 1913. By this union there were eight children: John W., mentioned below; Elizabeth Amanda, deceased, wife of Jonathan Faust, of Liberty township; Hannah L., widow of Fred Schell; Michael, who married Elizabeth Bell and lives in Nebraska; Mary Alvaretta, wife of George B. Runyon, of Hughesville; William D., who married Catherine Cramer, living in Milton; Martha, deceased, wife of George Harenty, of Pottsgrove; and Susan Jennie, wife of John Montgomery, of Pottsgrove. Mr. and Mrs. McWilliams were members of the Lutheran Church, under the General Synod. He was a Democrat. Both are buried in the town of Milton.

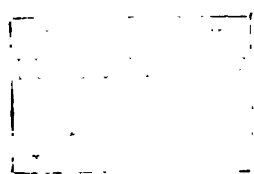
John W. McWilliams, father of Mrs. Derr, was born in Chillisquaque township, educated in the country school, and worked on the home farm until his twenty-fifth year. He then went out to work for a time until his marriage, after which he operated his wife's farm of fifty acres for fifteen years. He then sold out and moved to White Hall, where he bought the old Carey farm of 127 acres, which he is still operating. He married Harriet, daughter of Daniel S. and Margaret (Ireland) McFall, and they had children as follows: Elizabeth, wife of Mont Derr; and Margaret, wife of Reeder Albeck, of Jerseytown. Mr. McWilliams is a Democrat, but has held no offices. He and his wife are active members of the Derry Presbyterian Church, she being a teacher in the Sunday school.

The Ireland family came from Scotland and settled in the Sunbury neighborhood when that place was but a fort. Robert Ireland settled near Pleasant Valley and took up about one thousand acres of land there. He built the first schoolhouse there and also the first Sunday school. It was agreed that each member of the Sunday school should pay one cent a year to Robert Ireland or his heirs for ninety-nine years, this to be the total payments made for the building and grounds.

JOHN H. TAYLOR, who has been in the employ of the Berwick Store Company for nearly half a century, was born in Northumberland, Pa., Jan. 11, 1845. His father, Washington Taylor, was born in Columbia county, and was a classmate and personal friend of Bishop Bowman. His grandfather, George Taylor, was a miller by occupation, and a resident of Briarcreek township, Columbia county. Records show that this is the branch of the Taylor family to which Gen. Zachary Taylor,



*John H. Taylor*



who became president of the United States, belonged.

Washington Taylor received his early education in the public schools of Columbia county, where he learned the building trade, which he followed in various parts of Pennsylvania, erecting many well known buildings in the various cities. While a young man he was married to Margaret Renninger, whose family was one of the oldest in Northumberland county, numbering among its members many well known citizens. Mrs. Taylor's father was a soldier in the War of 1812. Politically Mr. Taylor supported the Whig party, and on the formation of the Republican party became one of its members. He and his family were members of the Methodist Church in Philadelphia. He died in 1862, and was buried in Philadelphia. After his death Mrs. Taylor removed to Northumberland, where she died in 1864, and was buried in the family plot in that city. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor: John H.; William and Emma, both of whom died while young; Frank, residing in Berwick; and Alice, who married Cornelius Best.

John H. Taylor attended the public schools in Philadelphia, and while still a very young man entered business life. He worked for a time in Philadelphia, later in Northumberland, and in 1868 entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Company, as salesman, in their store at Berwick, which was situated near the present depot of the Lackawanna railroad.

On June 16, 1875, Mr. Taylor was married to Bena Hoyt, daughter of J. H. Hoyt, who conducted a hotel on the site now occupied by the "St. Charles." One child, Garrick Mal-lery, was born to them June 6, 1891; he was graduated from Syracuse University in 1914.

Mr. Taylor is one of the charter members of Knapp Lodge, No. 246, F. & A. M., and was its first master. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church at Berwick, and one of the oldest of that society. In politics Mr. Taylor is a member of the Republican party, whose principles he has always supported.

Mr. Taylor has been in the employ of the Berwick Store Company and its predecessors consecutively for forty-seven years, beginning first as general salesman, and continuing in that capacity until the department store was started. He now has charge of the domestic department, and is well and favorably known to its many patrons. His faithful service, unquestioned integrity, and loyalty to his employers, through his long period of service,

have gained him the respect and confidence of the various managers to the present time.

CHARLES G. CLOUD, chief clerk of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, stationed at Danville, Pa., was born May 20, 1870, in Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., son of William Johnson Cloud.

William Johnson Cloud was born in Bernville, Berks Co., Pa., and attended the schools of the town. His father was a boatman on the old Union canal and William followed the same occupation, having a boat of his own in the carrying trade between Bernville and Philadelphia. After a few years he entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company at Milton, Pa., as freight brakeman, working himself up to the position of conductor. He followed railroading for twenty-eight years, until he was caught between two cars and so badly hurt as to necessitate his retirement from the service. This injury later developed into hip disease, from the effect of which he afterward died. He tried to enter the grocery business, and carried it on for two years at Milton, but his disease caused him to give up the struggle, and on April 12, 1892, he died at the age of fifty-three. He was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church, under the General Synod. He married Elizabeth E., daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Stutzman, and they had children as follows: Addison Marr, who died at the age of three years; William Johnson, who died at the age of three; Homer F., who married Kitty M. DeGraff and lives in Hackettstown, N. J.; Mamie E., widow of Sylvester J. Monroe, living in Philadelphia; Charles G., mentioned below; Carrie Elizabeth, who married James T. Gaskin, of Baltimore, Md.; Lewis Franklin, who died at the age of six; Laura May, deceased, who married John B. Shaffer, of Sunbury, Pa.; Kurt Ray, who married Mary McClintock, and lives at Jersey Shore, Pa.; and Calvin Clemens, residing in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Charles G. Cloud was educated in the public schools and the high school of Milton, and when not quite fourteen years of age entered the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company to study telegraphy. He was operator at Milton until December, 1888, when he came to Danville, and acted as operator until August, 1890. He was then made chief clerk, and has since continuously held that position. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John and Sarah (Kelly) Marshall, and they



have had children: Bertha, born April 11, 1891, who is the wife of Prof. James A. Kase, of Bloomington, Ind., and has one child, Miriam Frances; and Sara, born June 29, 1893, who died at the age of four. Mr. Cloud is a Republican and has been borough auditor for nine years. He is a member of Christ Memorial Episcopal Church, and is connected with the veteran and the relief associations of the P. & R. Railroad Company. He is a member of Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., of which he was worshipful master in 1912; of Danville Lodge, No. 754, B. P. O. E., having been exalted ruler in 1912-1913; and Lotus Conclave, No. 127, Improved Order of Heptasophs, of which he is a past archon, and is now serving as financier.

PETER M. DIETRICH, who lives on what is now known as the old Dietrich homestead in Derry township, Montour county, was born at that place July 26, 1849, son of Gideon P. Dietrich. The family is of German origin, his great-grandfather, Jacob Dietrich, having come to this country from Germany and settled in Berks county, Pa., where he lived and died.

John Jacob Dietrich, son of Jacob, was born in Greenwich township, Berks county, where he passed all of his long life, dying at the age of eighty-four years. He married Christina Peiffer, who survived him several years, and they had eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, of whom only one now survives: Samuel P. lived on his father's farm in Berks county; Solomon was a miller, of Greenwich township, that county; Charles lives in Reading, Pa.; Mary was the wife of Charles Greenwalt, of Greenwich township; Sarah was the wife of Peter Kline, of Reading; Caroline was the wife of Peter Krouse, of Greenwich township; the others were Gideon P., Moses P., Henry, Jacob and Daniel.

Gideon P. Dietrich was born April 22, 1815, in Greenwich township, Berks Co., Pa., and remained at home until twenty-three years old. He was reared to farming and also learned the trade of miller, which he followed for seventeen years—fourteen years after he came to what is now Montour county, settling at Strawberry Ridge, in Derry township. In 1854 he gave up that calling, buying the farm of his father-in-law in Derry township, where he afterward made his home until his death. He followed farming for a quarter of a century, retiring in 1879, and prospered to such an extent that he was able to buy two other farms, as well as residence

property in Danville. He was a trusted citizen of his community for sixteen years, holding the office of overseer of the poor, and for ten years that of school director. He was a prominent member of the Lutheran Church, serving seventeen years as deacon and five years as elder, resigning when old age made his duties too onerous. In political opinion he was a Democrat. In 1880 the Washingtonville and Northern Montour Agricultural Society began to hold its fairs on his old home place, and continued to do so for over twenty years.

In 1848 Mr. Dietrich married Susanna Moser, who was born Oct. 6, 1819, and died Dec. 11, 1898. He died Feb. 12, 1898. They had a family of four children: Peter M.; Mary Ann, born Jan. 25, 1851, wife of George Miller, of Derry township (they settled on one of her father's farms); Sarah, born Aug. 18, 1853, wife of Daniel Wagner (also settled on one of her father's farms in Derry township); and Caroline, born Aug. 9, 1857, who died in April, 1864.

Peter M. Dietrich was reared on the home farm and obtained his education in the local public schools. He afterward continued farming for his parents until his marriage, in 1880, when he settled on the home property and worked on his own account. He is a typical member of the Dietrich family, industrious, ambitious, and persevering in carrying out his undertakings, and he has earned a high reputation among his fellow citizens. He is business-like and trustworthy, and has held responsible public positions in the township, having served twelve years as member of the school board and six years as overseer of the poor. Politically, like his father, he has been associated with the Democratic party, and he was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, he and his family belonging at Washingtonville.

On Dec. 30, 1880, Mr. Dietrich married Anna A. Yoder, who was born Dec. 31, 1860, in Union county, Pa., daughter of Benneville Keim Yoder, and granddaughter of Samuel and Esther (Reppart) Yoder, all of Berks county, who later moved to Union county. B. Yoder was a native of Berks county, and died March 11, 1888, aged seventy-nine years. He was a millwright, and himself operated a sawmill. His wife, Margaret (Keefer), daughter of John and Margaret (Welker) Keefer, died in 1865, at the age of thirty-five.

Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich: Emma, born June 14, 1882, is the wife of Kent Butler, and lives at Stevens

Mills, near Hackettstown, N. J.; Charles G., born Aug. 4, 1884, now manager of a stock farm at Allamuchy, N. J., was married in 1910 to Anna Love, daughter of Ambrose and Rebecca (Hartman) Love, of Anthony township, and has one child, Erma; Mabel, born Aug. 25, 1886, is a nurse in the Children's Seaside Home at Atlantic City, N. J.; Elwood, born July 9, 1888, manager of a dairy farm at Dover, N. J., married Pearl Umstead; Clara, born June 29, 1891, a graduate of Strawberry Ridge high school, has taught for three terms in Montour county, two in West Hemlock township and one in Derry township; Alice, born May 7, 1892, is the wife of Amos Leighow, of Point township, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Dorothy, born Aug. 28, 1900, and Mildred, born Oct. 9, 1906, are at school.

JOHN MOWRER lived retired at Danville for a number of years before his death. His widow, Mrs. Annie S. Mowrer, daughter of William and Margaret (Sechler) Kocher, was born July 10, 1841, in the house where she now lives, No. 623 East Market Street, Danville, Pa. She attended the First ward school and the high school of Danville and remained at home until her marriage, in 1866, to John Mowrer. By this union she had one child, William Kocher Mowrer. Mrs. Mowrer is an attendant of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, a member of the Ladies' Aid Society, and teaches in the Sunday school.

John Mowrer was born in Mahoning township Feb. 24, 1837, attended the country schools, and worked for his father on the home farm until he was of legal age. He then served an apprenticeship to the trade of plasterer and mason, which he followed until his marriage in 1866. He then bought a farm of eighty-six acres in Gearhart township, Northumberland county, on which he lived and farmed for twenty-four years. He also bought a farm of eighty-three acres in the same township. In 1890 he moved to Danville, rented his farms, and lived retired for twenty-two years, dying Nov. 6, 1912. He was a Democrat, and served for a time as school director in Mahoning township. He was a member of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, and is buried in the Fairview cemetery at Danville.

WILLIAM KOCHER MOWRER was born July 21, 1876, and was educated in the schools of Danville. After farming for a time on his father's place in Northumberland county he took charge of his mother's properties, in-

herited from her husband, and which are being operated by tenants. He is a Democrat, and a member of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church. Mr. Mowrer married Rosa Dodson, born Jan. 19, 1880, daughter of Charles and Palmetto (Smith) Dodson, and they have had these children: Anna Margaret, born Feb. 22, 1901, and Mildred June, born Sept. 20, 1905. Mrs. Mowrer is a native of Jerseytown, Columbia Co., Pennsylvania.

John Kocher, grandfather of Mrs. Annie S. Mowrer, was a farmer from Northampton county, Pa., and settled on 100 acres of land in Mahoning township, on which he built a log house and barn and began his domestic life. His wife was Sophia, daughter of Christian Mauser, and by this union he had six children: John, who died unmarried; Jacob, who married Racie Heberding; George, who married Jane Moore; Catherine, wife of Eli Reed; William, mentioned below; and Jonas, who married Lydia Bennett. Some years before his death Mr. Kocher retired and thereafter lived with his son Jonas. He and his wife lived to advanced ages. He is buried in the Episcopal cemetery at Danville and she in the cemetery at Ridgeville.

William Kocher, father of Mrs. Annie S. Mowrer, was born and educated in Mahoning township, working on his father's farm until he reached his majority. He served an apprenticeship with Charles S. Barnes, a carpenter, and followed that trade all his life, mostly in Danville. He was carpenter at the Danville Iron Works for thirteen years and assisted in the building of the mill. He finally retired, married, and built the house in Danville where his daughter now lives. His wife was Margaret, the daughter of George and Ann (Cox) Sechler, and they had but one child, Annie S. Mr. Kocher was a Democrat, and an attendant of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church. He is buried in the Episcopal cemetery at Danville.

Margaret (Sechler) Kocher, mother of Mrs. Annie S. Mowrer, with whom she resides, was born June 12, 1822, in Mahoning township. She is the daughter of George and granddaughter of John Sechler, one of the oldest settlers in Danville. Her father died in 1837, at the age of fifty years, while the grandfather passed away Dec. 24, 1831, at the age of ninety-two.

John Sechler was born in 1739, came to Mahoning township, cleared a large tract of land and built a substantial log house and barn on it. This land was held by the descendants for some years, and comprises most of the terri-

tory in the southwestern part of Danville, above Church street. While John was plowing one day the news of the Revolution was brought to him. He at once dropped the lines and going to the house told his wife, "Washington has called for men, and I must go." During his service in the Continental army he suffered many hardships, and on his return told his family that he often awoke in the morning in camp and found his hair frozen to the ground. He became one of the prominent men of Danville, was a Democrat and active in party affairs, and he was one of the first to donate land to the town for use as sites for schools, churches, cemeteries and parks. He donated the ground for the present Memorial Park, where he and his wife are buried. Both of them were members of the Grove Presbyterian Church, the ground for which he had given. He died Dec. 24, 1831, aged ninety-two years, nine months, one day.

John Sechler was married to Christina Goodman, born Jan. 11, 1750, died Oct. 5, 1825, and their children were: John, who died Jan. 11, 1844, at the age of seventy-two years, two months, twelve days; Jacob, who married Barbara Reese; Rudolph, who was one of the first postmasters of Danville and a justice of the peace; George, mentioned below; Herman, who married Hannah Vanderbilt, and died Jan. 7, 1829, at the age of forty-three; Sophia, Mrs. Peter Culp, who died June 5, 1845, at the age of seventy-four years, eleven months, twenty-two days.

George Sechler was a farmer in Mahoning township, where he owned ten acres and leased a large tract. He cultivated these tracts until his death, Dec. 22, 1837. He and his wife are buried in Memorial Park, Danville. He was a Democrat and a member of the Reformed Church. His wife, Annie Cox, who died June 29, 1857, at the age of seventy-four, was the daughter of John and Catherine (Buck) Cox. The children of George Sechler and wife were: Dorothy, wife of Michael Karschner; Christina, wife of Henry Snyder; William, who married Mary Hoover; Levi, who disappeared in the West; Margaret, Mrs. Kocher, mentioned above; and John, who married Esther Haas.

JOSEPH F. LECHNER has been engaged in the plumbing business at Danville for about twenty-five years, for some time in partnership with his brother, latterly on his own account. He is a native of Montour county, born Aug. 17, 1861, in Frosty Valley, son of Francis and Mary (Miller) Lechner. The father, who was

a hotel keeper in Danville, died at the age of sixty-six years, and the mother now makes her home at Lock Haven, Pennsylvania.

Joseph F. Lechner received a public school education. In his early life he went to Iowa, where he lived eleven years. Since 1890 he has been engaged in plumbing, he and his brother, George M. Lechner, doing business together for six years, after which he bought out the entire business, which he has been conducting in his own name for a number of years. His work is reliable and thoroughly up-to-date, and he commands a large patronage. His establishment is at Nos. 12-14 Mill street, and is well equipped with modern stock and appliances.

Mr. Lechner's first marriage was to Edith Evans, of Atlantic, Iowa, by whom he had two children: Mary, now the wife of George Neid, a stove molder of Danville; and Frank, who is engaged at plumbing in Richmond, Va., married to Agnes Kmicinski. The mother died in 1887. In 1896 Mr. Lechner married (second) Anna Gerstner, of Danville, daughter of John F. and Mary Gerstner, the former of whom was a brewer. Three children have been born to this marriage, Edith, Anthony and Albert. The family home is at No. 323 Lower Mulberry street. Mr. Lechner is a member of St. Hubert's Catholic Church. He is a Democrat in politics, and in social connection belongs to the B. P. O. Elks, Lodge No. 754, of Danville. He is highly respected in the borough for his substantial qualities and upright life, and is one of the straightforward business men of his community.

CHARLES LEONARD FOULK, assistant manager of the Danville Foundry and Machine Company, was born May 21, 1870, at Buckhorn in Hemlock township, Columbia Co., Pa., son of Benjamin F. and Margaret (Bomboy) Foulk, the former of whom is a patternmaker with the same company that employs his son.

Charles Leonard Foulk received a fair educational training in the public schools of Danville. When he left school he entered the Mahoning Rolling Mills, where he learned his trade of patternmaker. In 1893 Mr. Foulk became an employee of what is now known as the Danville Foundry and Machine Company, passing with this concern through its various changes, and those in authority have given signal appreciation of his services and faithful ability by promoting him to his present position.

On May 21, 1893, Mr. Foulk was married,

at Danville, to Mary A. Miller, born March 10, 1869, a daughter of Jacob C. and Sarah (Diehl) Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Foulk have had five children: Helen Frances, born Nov. 27, 1894, died Nov. 8, 1902; Margaret Elizabeth, born Oct. 17, 1895, graduated from the Danville high school in the class of 1914; Marian, born March 22, 1898, died Sept. 22, 1899; Sarah, born Dec. 8, 1901, is attending the Fourth ward school; Paul was born May 18, 1908.

For some years Mr. Foulk has taken an active interest in educational matters as a school director, serving from the Fourth ward. He is a member of Shiloh Reformed Church, which he is serving as deacon and choir leader. Fraternally he belongs to Montour Castle, No. 186, Knights of the Golden Eagle, is a past chief of his castle, and was district grand chief, having charge of the castles in Montour county; he is also a member of Lotus Conclave, No. 127, Improved Order of Heptasophs.

WILLIAM HENRY ORTH, official chief clerk at the Danville Hospital, was born at Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 6, 1854, and there educated in the public and high schools, of which he is a graduate. For the succeeding seven years he was a bookkeeper in the city of his birth, and then came to Danville, in 1878, as clerk and bookkeeper for the Danville Hospital, rising from that to his present position.

Mr. Orth has always been active in educational matters, serving as a school director for many years. For fourteen years he has been secretary of the board, and he still has five years to serve as a director. For the last five years he has been a director of the First National Bank of Danville.

On March 18, 1880, Mr. Orth was married to Lucy Stucker, of Harrisburg, Pa. He is an elder in Shiloh Reformed Church, and very active in its church and Sunday school work, teaching a class in the latter organization and giving much time to its conduct. Fraternally he belongs to Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., and enjoys his association with that body.

GEORGE L. ROWE, general foreman of the rolling mill department of the Danville Structural Tubing Works, was born in that borough Sept. 11, 1855. He is the son of David Rowe and grandson of Jacob Emanuel Rowe, all of German descent.

Jacob Emanuel Rowe, grandfather of George L., was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and followed the trade of sawyer all

his life. His son David, father of George L., was born in Wurtemberg, Nov. 27, 1808. He obtained a good education and was apprenticed to the trade of his father, that of sawyer, which he followed until his emigration to America in 1840. Landing at New York, he later came to Danville, where he followed the occupation of teamster until he retired and went to live with his son George L. Mr. Rowe was married in the Lutheran Church in Wurtemberg to Christina Bott, who was born May 18, 1818, and died in Danville, in the month of her birth, at the age of eighty-five. Her husband died April 12, 1889, and they are both buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville. The children of this union were: John D. (deceased), born in 1840, died in 1913, married Elizabeth Baer; Gottlob married Harriet Gearhart, and resides in White Deer township, Union county; George L. is mentioned below. Mr. Rowe was a Democrat and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church at Danville, of which he was a deacon.

George L. Rowe attended the schools of Danville until he was fourteen, and then entered the employ of Hancock & Foley, operators of the Rough and Ready mill, where he developed into an all-around rolling mill workman. After a service of eight years in this mill he entered the Danville Structural Tubing Works, serving the company so well that he was made general foreman of the rolling mill. On May 11, 1880, he married Alvaretta Snyder, who was born May 11, 1860, daughter of Alvy and Agnes (Burke) Snyder. To this union there was born one child, Ralph. Mrs. Rowe died March 14, 1905, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Mr. Rowe is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church and of Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., of Danville.

Ralph Rowe was born Jan. 27, 1884, and attended the public schools of Danville until he was nineteen. He then entered the rolling mill and worked as heater in the brazing department for four years. Having studied telegraphy, he left the mill and became an operator on the Reading road for eighteen months. He then returned to the mill as heater, but after a time passed a civil service examination and was appointed the first parcel post carrier at Danville, a position he still holds. He married Margaret May Davis, born May 1, 1886, the same pastor performing the service who married his father and mother—Rev. M. L. Shindle. Mr. Rowe is a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church, and of Myrtle Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Danville.

Alvaretta Snyder (Mrs. George L. Rowe) was educated in the public schools of Danville and remained at home until her marriage. She was a daughter of Alvy Snyder, a native of Northumberland county, who died at the age of sixty-five. His children were: Joseph H., who married Flora Hughes, of Danville; Martha, wife of Digler Moyer; Cordelia, widow of Lafayette Van Gilder; Alvaretta; and John F., who married Ada Hartman, of Riverside. Mr. Snyder was a miller by trade, a Republican, member of the Lutheran Church, and member of the Knights of Pythias.

EMILE JOHN LE DUC, proprietor of extensive greenhouses at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., was born in France, Dec. 23, 1874, son of Pierre L. and Theressa (Glodone) Le Duc.

The father brought his family to the United States in 1882, and in 1883 located at Danville, Pa. He had two sons, Xavier P. and Emile John Le Duc. The former, the elder, worked in the iron mills for a few years, and then in 1889 established himself in the greenhouse business, building two houses 16 by 52 feet. This original plant has been increased until now there are 12,000 square feet in the estate plant, and the same amount of glass-covered space in the individual plant owned by E. J. Le Duc, the entire establishment being in the borough of Danville. In conjunction six acres are operated as a truck farm. Xavier P. Le Duc conducted the greenhouses until his death, in 1894.

Emile J. Le Duc was educated in the Danville public schools and grew up with his brother. In 1911 he built his individual plant, adjoining the one of the estate.

In June, 1899, Mr. Le Duc was married to Anna Hayden, of Danville, a daughter of John and Margaret Hayden. Mr. Hayden was an ironworker. Mr. and Mrs. Le Duc have three children, Mary P., Margaret M. and Josephine T. The family all belong to St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and Mr. Le Duc holds membership in St. Joseph's Total Abstinence Society.

JOHN F. HIXSON has been a lifelong resident of Danville, where he has been engaged in business as a tinner. Mr. Hixson was born at Danville, July 12, 1856, son of John and Rebecca (Hartzel) Hixson. His father was a shoemaker by occupation.

Mr. Hixson was educated in the public schools at Danville, and during his early years worked in the iron mills there. He then learned the trade of tinner and has ever since followed that business, for a short time in

partnership with William C. Bowyer. In 1893 he opened his own place of business, and by honorably executing all his contracts, and square dealing in every transaction, has built up a profitable patronage. He has a reputation for integrity and high class work wherever known. Mr. Hixson is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., of Danville; Danville Chapter, No. 239, R. A. M.; Calvary Commandery No. 37, K. T., of Danville; and Caldwell Consistory (thirty-second degree), of Bloomsburg, Pa. He also belongs to Beaver Lodge, No. 132, Knights of Pythias, of which he is a past chancellor; to Lodge No. 754, B. P. O. Elks; and to Lotus Conclave, No. 127, Improved Order of Heptasophs.

MRS. MARY (SECHLER) TRUMBOWER, who is now living a quiet, retired life in her comfortable home at Danville, Pa., was born in her present home, Dec. 20, 1846, daughter of William and Mary Ann (Hoover) Sechler.

Jacob Sechler, her paternal grandfather, was one of the early settlers of Danville, where he spent the last years of his life.

William Sechler, son of Jacob Sechler, and father of Mrs. Trumbower, was born in 1814, at Danville, Pa., and became one of the earliest shoemakers of the borough, where he died at the age of forty-four years. He married Mary Ann Hoover, who was born in Northumberland county, Pa., daughter of Jacob Hoover, a farmer, and she died Dec. 11, 1882, at the age of sixty-five years. They became the parents of four children: George, Jacob (deceased), Mary, and William (of Shamokin, Pa.).

Mary Sechler, daughter of William Sechler, was married at the age of seventeen years to Samuel Maul Trumbower, who died Dec. 3, 1905, at the age of sixty-three years. He is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Mr. Trumbower was born in Berks county, Pa., and came to Danville when a young man, here following contracting and building all of his life. He was a son of Joseph and Barbara (Maul) Trumbower. After completing a public school education he enlisted in the three months' service during the Civil war. He was subsequently drafted into the United States navy, but was taken sick on reaching Philadelphia, and never went beyond the receiving ship. Mr. and Mrs. Trumbower had six children: Frank, now (1914) aged forty-eight years, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, and a resident of Buffalo, N. Y., married Jo-

sephine E. Schlump, and has one child, Frank Samuel; Lillie Elsie resides with her mother at Danville; Carrie E. married Ralph Foulk, of Danville; Mary Eva, William and Nellie are deceased.

Mrs. Trumbower is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and has been active in religious and charitable work, being associated with the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies and the Y. M. C. A. Club. Mr. Trumbower always took an interest in fraternal work, holding membership in Montour Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F., and Mnemoloton Encampment, No. 40, of Danville, and he was a trustee of the Odd Fellows Cemetery association. He also belonged to Goodrich Post, No. 22, G. A. R., of Danville. Like his wife he took an active interest in religious work, and at the time of his death was a member of the board of trustees of Mahoning Presbyterian Church, Danville.

JAMES RYAN, proprietor of the "Ryan Hotel" at Mill and Center streets, Danville, was born in that borough Oct. 27, 1866, son of James and Bridget (Conley) Ryan.

James Ryan, the father, was born in Ireland, and going to England in boyhood learned the trade of puddling in that country. When he was about twenty-three years old he came to America, and after a year at Trenton, N. J., moved to Danville, Montour Co., Pa., in 1855. Eventually he became puddler boss at the Reading Iron Works in Danville, where he died at the age of seventy-seven years. His wife, whom he married in England, was the same age when she passed away.

James Ryan, son of James Ryan, above, was educated in the public schools at Danville, and began working in the iron mills as a helper. From that position he worked up until he became a puddler and rougher in the bar mill. In 1893 he opened the "Ryan Hotel," at Mill and Center streets, and has continued to conduct it ever since, having held a steady patronage by faithful attention to business. For seven terms he was chief of the Danville fire department. Being appointed county commissioner to fill a vacancy, he served so capably for three and a half years that in 1911 he was elected to the same office, for a term of four years, and is still holding it.

On Oct. 14, 1888, Mr. Ryan married Sarah Snyder, of Ashland, Pa., a daughter of George and Catherine (Metz) Snyder. Mr. Snyder is a blacksmith by trade. Mr. and Mrs. Ryan became the parents of the following children: Thomas G., who is now State

fire marshal, was graduated from the Danville high school and also took a course in Lafayette College; James M., Jr., is a barber at Danville; Mary K., Joseph, Elizabeth, Ellen and William are at home. Mr. Ryan belongs to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally he holds membership in Danville Lodge, No. 754, B. P. O. Elks, and Danville Aerie, No. 338, Fraternal Order of Eagles, and has been treasurer of the latter organization since its inception.

SAMUEL CRESSMAN REBMAN, sales agent for the Danville Structural Tubing Company, of Danville, Montour Co., Pa., was born in that borough March 15, 1873, son of John and Amy (Sechler) Rebman.

John Rebman was born in Stuttgart, Germany, and came to the United States when thirteen years old. For some years he was an athlete and became interested in the circus and theatrical business, but eventually became a wholesale merchant and has since so continued.

Samuel Cressman Rebman was educated in the Danville public schools, and then entered the employ of the Mahoning Rolling Mill Company as a machinist, but later was with the Reading Iron Company. For the next three years he was traveling salesman, and in 1890 went with Howe & Polk for the purpose of learning the sales end of the business. Having perfected himself, upon the organization of the Danville Structural Tubing Company he was offered and accepted the position of their sales agent, and is still acting as such, being one of the company's most efficient and successful men.

On May 15, 1890, Mr. Rebman was married to Jessie L. Askins, of Danville, a daughter of George W. Askins. Mr. and Mrs. Rebman have had one child, Amy, who is a high school graduate. Mr. Rebman belongs to Danville Lodge, No. 754, B. P. O. Elks; to the Royal Arcanum; to Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M. (he is a past master); and to Beaver Lodge, No. 132, K. of P.

WILLIAM JOHN ARMES, of Danville, Montour Co., Pa., a retired telegraph operator, was born at Danville March 9, 1844, son of John Armes.

John Armes was born in the vicinity of Reading, Pa., and died in 1860, when forty-six years old. In young manhood he learned to be a cabinetmaker, and combined work at his trade with undertaking for a number of years, being one of the first to engage in the

latter business at Danville. In Pottsville, Pa., he married Elizabeth Byerley, a daughter of Jacob Byerley, an old resident of near Pottsville, Schuylkill county, where Mrs. Armes was born. Mr. and Mrs. Armes had four children, but William John is the only survivor; Mary Jane, the eldest, died in western New York; the other two died young.

William John Armes attended school in Danville and afterward assisted his father in the undertaking and furniture business until the latter's death. Subsequently he was employed by the estate, making collections, and while thus engaged was persuaded to study telegraphy by Bonham Gearhart, who was then agent for the Catawissa Railroad Company (now the Philadelphia & Reading) at Danville. Though he picked up his knowledge of the business at odd times he developed into a first-class operator. In 1863 he secured a position as clerk in Conkling's book store, and also acted as operator for the North West Branch Telegraph Company, whose office was in the store. In 1864 he was drafted for service in the Civil war, and left for Washington, D. C., where he was transferred to a military telegraph post, being stationed for three months at Williamsburg, Va. Then he was sent to Bernard Mills, to open an office at that point, and thence to Suffolk, Va., where he was stationed at the time President Lincoln was shot. Later he was changed to Norfolk, Va., and then returned to Washington, where he was discharged after eleven months in the service. Returning to Danville, Mr. Armes engaged with the Reading Railroad Company as night operator, and six months later was transferred to Williamsport, where he remained eight months. Coming back to Danville, he was employed by the Western Union Telegraph Company, continuing with same until his retirement, in 1909.

Mr. Armes has never married. He belongs to the Elks at Danville, the United States Military Telegraph Corps, and the Old Time Telegraphers' Association.

DANIEL SCHOLLENBERGER HARTLINE, A. M., professor of biological science at the Bloomsburg State Normal School, Bloomsburg, Pa., has been associated with that institution as a member of the faculty for a number of years and has been one of the efficient factors in its development along approved modern lines. The family to which he belongs is an old one in Pennsylvania, and of German origin, founded in this country by

John Jacob Hartlein, as the name was then spelled.

(I) John Jacob Hartlein was born Sept. 8, 1699, in Saxony, Germany, son of Nicholas and Dorothy Hartlein, as indicated by the Hill Church records. On Sept. 28, 1726, he married Julia, daughter of John Christian and Appolonia Dressler, born July 4, 1694. They came to America in 1732, and settled in Earl township, Berks Co., Pa. They became the parents of six children, as follows: John Jacob and Jacob, both of whom died young; Margaret, born in 1729; George, born in 1732; Anna Dorothea, born in 1734, who died in 1736; and Nicholas, born in 1736, who died in 1741.

(II) George Hartlein, son of John Jacob, was born in Saxony, Germany, in 1732, shortly before the immigration of his parents to the New World. In 1750 he was a taxable in District township, Berks county, Pennsylvania. In the year 1755 he married Maria Catherine Boehm, who was born in 1730, daughter of Conrad Boehm, a native of Fehrfeld, Wurtemberg, Germany (born about 1705), who came to America in 1732. To George Hartlein and his wife were born the following children: Jost (or Yost), born Jan. 8, 1767, died Dec. 21, 1852, aged eighty-five years, eleven months, thirteen days, and is buried at Oley Church; by his side is buried Sarah Hartlein, born Oct. 18, 1780, died Sept. 24, 1873, aged ninety-two years, eleven months, six days (it is not known whether she was his wife or his sister). George, Jr., was born Jan. 11, 1781. There were perhaps other children, but the names of these two alone are of certain record.

(III) George Hartlein, Jr., son of George, was born in Earl township, Jan. 11, 1781, and died Feb. 19, 1865, aged eighty-four years, one month, eight days. He married Maria Dilleplane (properly spelled De la Plaine), daughter of Frederick Dilleplane, of French extraction and of an early settled family in Oley township. She was born April 29, 1784, and died Aug. 10, 1853, aged sixty-nine years, three months, eleven days. Both she and her husband are buried at the Oley Churches. Their children were: Daniel; Solomon; Mary, married Elijah Clouser, of Oley township; Harriet married Enoch Boyer; Josiah married Anna Hoffman (1828-1899); Joel married Mary Auché; Susanna married Isaac Smith; Elizabeth married Michael Brandt; Joshua D. married Elizabeth Clouser; and Ezra, a weaver by trade and a veteran of the Civil



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war, married Catherine Focht, and resides in Earl township.

(IV) Joel Hartline, son of George, Jr., was born Nov. 18, 1818. He made his home in Earl township, and died Feb. 12, 1909, aged ninety years, two months, twenty-seven days, and is buried in Oley Churches cemetery. He earned a good reputation for industry, engaging all his active life in day's labor, farming and wood chopping. He was also an expert basketmaker, and worked as such for many years. He was a man of great strength and large build, over six feet in height and weighing two hundred pounds. During his last years he made his home with his son, George A., in Exeter or Oley township. He married Mary Auché, who died July 9, 1892, aged seventy-three years. They became the parents of five children, namely. One that died in infancy; James A.; George A.; Ammon, a laborer at Shanesville, who married Sallie Hartman; and Sarah, who married Peter Yoder, of Fleetwood.

(V) James A. Hartline, father of Prof. Daniel S. Hartline, was born May 30, 1841, in Earl township, near Woodchopptown, and learned cabinetmaking and carpentry, following his trade in Oley township, at Reading, and in Earl and Douglass townships, Berks county. He is now living in Oley township, his post office being Spangsville. During the Civil war he served in the Union army, and now receives a pension. Mr. Hartline has been twice married. His first wife, Esther (Hettie) Anna Schollenberger, daughter of Benjamin Schollenberger, died Jan. 30, 1896, the mother of children as follows: Albert McClellan S.; Daniel S.; Melissa Pruella; Tilghman Foster; Mary Matilda; and Sarah Catherine. Mr. Hartline's second marriage was to Mrs. Kate Hartman, widow of Amos Hartman.

(VI) Daniel S. Hartline was born Sept. 16, 1866, in Reading, Berks Co., Pa., and attended public school there, as well as in Oley, Earl and Douglass townships. He then entered the Pottstown high school, and subsequently taught public school four years in Berks and Chester counties. Then he entered the West Chester Normal School, from which he was graduated in June, 1890, in September of the same year coming to Bloomsburg, where he organized the manual training department. In September, 1893, he began a course at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., graduating from that institution in 1897. Returning then to the Bloomsburg State Normal School, he has since been on its teaching staff,

and has done notable work in the promotion of its best activities, the broadening of its scope of influence, and the awakening of popular interest in its objects. He organized the Department of Biology and has continued in charge of same. During 1901-02 Professor Hartline gave considerable time to study abroad, at the Universities of Heidelberg and Bonn, taking up work necessary to obtain a doctorate. He is an able scholar, and his concentration and conscientious preparation have made him highly proficient in his chosen line. His efforts are much appreciated by his students and fellow educators, who recognize the worth of his work.

On Aug. 26, 1897, Professor Hartline married Harriet Franklin Keffer, daughter of Prof. Washington Keffer, of Lancaster, Pa., and they have one son, Haldan Keffer. Professor Hartline is a Lutheran in religious connection.

JOHN HARRISON HUNT, of Danville, Pa., was born April 10, 1840, at Sheelsburg, Pa., son of George W. and Hannah (Smith) Hunt.

George W. Hunt, father of John Harrison Hunt, was born at Cumberland Valley, Pa., and was engaged in wagon building at Sheelsburg for many years. In 1855 he went to Urbana, Ohio, and in 1860 came to Danville, where his death occurred in 1864, when he was sixty-eight years of age. Mr. Hunt married Hannah Smith, who was born in Bedford county, Pa., and they had a family of ten children, of whom the following are now living: R. McKinley, a resident of Canada; John Harrison; Mary, who is the widow of a Mr. James, and resides at No. 385 South Crea street, Decatur, Ill.; and Cora and Elizabeth, widows, who also reside at Decatur.

John Harrison Hunt received his education in the public schools, after leaving which he started to work in his father's wagonmaking shop. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, 14th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for State service, and on the expiration of his term re-enlisted at Williamsburg, in Company F, 178th regiment, 4th Corps, Army of the Potomac, under General Keyes. In August, 1863, Mr. Hunt was wounded during a stampede of the 139th New York Volunteers, and received an honorable discharge, returning to Danville, where he was in his father's shop until the latter's death. For one year following he was engaged as clerk in a mercantile establishment, and then became chief clerk of the Farmers' department of the Waterman

& Beaver Company store. In October, 1876, he entered the United States revenue service as an inspector and gauger. From 1877 to 1887 he was employed in the Opera House Store, of Kramer & Company, and in the latter year was elected city tax collector, a position he held until 1893. He has since been employed in the drug business with his son, at Danville.

Mr. Hunt was married to Malinda C. Long, who was born in Montour county, Pa., daughter of John and Phoebe Long, and one child has been born to this union, G. Shoop. The son is a graduate of the Philadelphia Pharmaceutical Institute, and now engaged in the drug business at Danville; he married Almira Wills, of Woodbury, New Jersey.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt are members of St. Paul's M. E. Church. Politically he has always been a Republican, and was formerly an active worker in the interests of his party. He is a charter member of Goodrich Post, No. 122, Grand Army of the Republic, Danville, and was formerly commander. He has led a long and useful career, and his record has been such as to gain for him the universal respect and esteem of his fellow townsmen.

CHARLES E. SHIRES, farmer and justice of the peace, of Derry township, Montour Co., Pa., was born in Liberty township, that county, Sept. 14, 1845, son of Samuel and Catherine (Boyer) Shires.

Jacob Shires, the paternal grandfather of Charles E. Shires, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., where he spent the greater part of his life. In 1815 he came to Anthony township, Montour county, and lived with his son until his death, in 1817, when he was sixty-five years of age. His wife was Anna Eweg.

Samuel Shires, son of Jacob Shires, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., July 14, 1799, and died Jan. 12, 1887, in Montour county, while his wife, who was born Oct. 16, 1806, in Berks county, Pa., died April 14, 1888. He came to Montour county in 1815, and from that time until his death was engaged in shoemaking in Anthony township, where he was one of the oldest settlers. He and his wife had seven children, Charles E. being the only survivor.

Christopher Boyer, the maternal great-grandfather of Charles E. Shires, emigrated from Germany to the United States and founded the family in Berks county, Pa. His son, Jacob Boyer, was born April 12, 1780, in Berks county, and died March 3, 1868. He married Mary King, who was born Jan. 28,

1780, and died Aug. 9, 1857, and they were the parents of Mrs. Catherine Shires.

Charles E. Shires spent his boyhood in farm work and continued to be so engaged until 1876, when he moved to Washingtonville. There he was employed as a jeweler and sewing machine agent. In the year 1889 he came to his present property, which he purchased, and here he has carried on farming to the present time, his persistent and well-directed efforts having gained him a full measure of success.

Mr. Shires was married Jan. 9, 1873, to Eva Amelia Klingler, who was born May 24, 1848, in Beaver township, Union county (now Snyder), Pa., daughter of Joel and Nancy (Benfer) Klingler, and granddaughter of Peter Klingler. Joel Klingler was born Sept. 12, 1803, in Union county, Pa., and died Jan. 29, 1895. For many years he was a school teacher and farmer. His wife was born Dec. 14, 1807, and died June 29, 1890. They had eight children, of whom five survive: Mrs. Shires; William Joseph; Henry; Ada, the widow of Daniel Snook, of Beaverton, Pa.; and Mary Amanda, wife of George Oldt, of Benfer, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Shires's great-grandfather on the maternal side served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Henry Benfer, her maternal grandfather, was born in Berks county, Pa., and died in November, 1866, aged ninety-one years. He married Eva Amelia Malick, who was born Jan. 24, 1781.

Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shires: Laura Nancy and Elizabeth Alice are deceased; Charles Edward, of Derry township, married Elmira Heilman, and has four children, Edwin B., John M., Beulah C. and Dorothy C.; Samuel Joel, of Derry township, married Mary Turner, of Geneva, N. Y., and has three children, Carrie May, Della Laura and Robert; Calvin L., of Derry township, married Martha Jane Gray, and has three children, Eva May, William Erwin and Harold C.; Winifred Eva married Ray Wintersteen, of West Hemlock township, Montour county, and has three children, Charles T., Martha Pauline and Mabel Marie.

With his family Mr. Shires attends the Lutheran Church at Washingtonville and has been an active and liberal supporter of its movements. He has taken some interest in fraternal work, being a member of Turbotville Lodge, No. 342, Knights of the Maccabees of the World. In political matters Mr. Shires is a Democrat, and at various times has been honored by his party with election to

offices of trust and responsibility, in which he has capably and faithfully performed every duty. For thirty-five years he has been a justice of the peace—the oldest living justice in either Montour or Columbia counties.

JOHN D. EVANS, boss roller at the Danville Structural tube mills, was born Dec. 13, 1852, at Cwm Afon, South Wales, a son of David Evans.

David Evans was born in South Wales June 20, 1826, and brought his family to Danville, Pa., in 1855, here spending the remainder of his life. He worked in the old Rough and Ready Mills as a puddler. He married Mary Morris, also a native of South Wales, and they had children as follows: John D.; Thomas M., who resides at Danville; Margaret, who married George Stillwell, a heater, of No. 14 Grand street, Danville; and William, who is a laborer of Danville, all living, and five who are deceased.

John D. Evans became a water boy after leaving school at the age of twelve years, and later was engaged at different kinds of work in the roller mills, thus continuing until November, 1871, when he entered the Cooperative mills as head night roller. He held that position until 1873, in December of which year he went to the rolling mills at Northumberland, Pa., where he worked for five years. Returning to Danville he was at the Cooperative Mill until 1882, at which time he went to South Chicago, as a roll hand. Once more he came back to Danville, and was employed in the National Iron Company's mills. For a short time he worked in South Williamsport, also in the rolling mills at Berwick, and then went to Harrisburg, Pa. In 1887 he returned to Danville to enter the tube mills, with which he has since continued, having charge of the rolling department. In all of his different lines of work he has displayed faithful adherence to duty and appreciative comprehension of the importance of doing well what he undertook.

Mr. Evans married Ann Evans, of South Wales (no relation, though bearing the same name), daughter of Thomas and Mary (Thomas) Evans. Mrs. Evans came to Danville when twenty-one years old. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have had the following children: Mary is the wife of Charles Dietz, and they have two children; David, chief of Danville fire department, married Louisa Horton; Margaret is at home; Thomas J., who resides in Danville, married Grace Williams, and has two children; John married Mabel Eberly and

resides at Danville; Martha married Boyd Fisher and has one child; Fred I., who resides in Washington, D. C., married Tillie Rickards, and they have one child, born March 17, 1914.

Mr. Evans was reared in the faith of the Welsh M. C. Church. Beaver Lodge, No. 132, K. of P., has held his membership for many years, and for sixteen years he has served that organization as a trustee. A strong and enthusiastic Progressive, Mr. Evans served as a Roosevelt delegate to the State convention of the Republican party in 1912, and is very proud of the fact that he is a Bull Moose.

WILLIAM SIMPSON SIDLER, of Derry township, Montour county, where he operates a farm of 190 acres, was born on that place Sept. 17, 1876, son of John Sidler.

Jacob, the great-grandfather of William Simpson Sidler, spelled the name Sittler; he was a native of Germany, and on coming to this country first settled in New Jersey. He and his son Jacob moved to Montour county, Pa., then a part of Columbia county, and purchased a tract of land in Valley township which later became the property of Emanuel Sidler, and there the father carried on general farming the remainder of his active days. He passed from this life at an advanced age and was buried in the grounds of the old log church in Mahoning township. He had four children, as follows: Philip, David, Martha and Jacob.

Jacob Sidler, the grandfather of William S. Sidler, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., supposedly at Allentown. He learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for some time, and then engaged in farming on the old homestead, which consisted of 140 acres of highly cultivated land. He had come to Montour county with his wife and father. By the time of his death he had also acquired another farm, of 210 acres. He died at the age of sixty-two years. His wife, who was Elizabeth Benfield, also a native of Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas Benfield, died aged fifty-two years. They are interred in the Straub burial ground in Valley township. They were the parents of the following children: John, Mary, Jacob, Emanuel, Sarah, Lavina, Franklin and Elizabeth, Emanuel being the only survivor. Mr. Sidler was a strong Democrat, and served as supervisor for many years. In religious views he was a Lutheran, a member of Straub's Church. Of his children Emanuel, born March 26, 1829,

served a term as county treasurer and two as county commissioner, and also held minor offices.

John Sidler, son of Jacob, was born Jan. 3, 1820, in Valley township, and when a young man of nineteen came to the place where his son William now lives. There he farmed the rest of his active life, dying there Dec. 9, 1896. He was thoroughly interested in the general welfare and served his township as tax collector and overseer of the poor. He was twice married, his second wife being Mrs. Sarah Ann (Farnsworth) Wintersteen, a native of Lycoming county, Pa., born Aug. 20, 1838, daughter of John and Effie (Smith) Farnsworth. She, too, had been previously married, her first husband being John Wintersteen. Mrs. Sarah Ann Sidler died March 12, 1897. By her marriage to Mr. Sidler she had six children, of whom three survive, William S. and two sisters: Nora, born Dec. 7, 1872, wife of Geo. K. Heddens, of Washingtonville, Pa., and Anna, born Jan. 3, 1878, wife of Philip Ikeler, of Moselle, Mississippi.

William Simpson Sidler grew up on the home place and had common school advantages in the neighborhood. He farmed with his father until twenty years old, after which he took the property, buying it and cultivating it on his own account for eight years. He then sold out his personal property but retained his real estate and rented his farm and during the period of the exposition at St. Louis located in that city. Subsequently he went to California, expecting to establish himself there as a fruit grower, but after a year he removed to the State of Washington. There he took up the scientific study of farming as well as its practical work, attending every agricultural convention which would help him held in the Western States during that time, in order to perfect himself in the details of the scientific cultivation of the soil. When twenty-nine years old, Mr. Sidler engaged in copper mining, at Butte, Mont., following that line four years, at the end of which time he returned to his old home in Derry township, Montour Co., Pa. He owns 190 acres, devoted to general farming and stock raising, giving special attention to fruit, with which he has been particularly successful. His thorough study of scientific methods has enabled him to work out various ideas which have proved profitable, and he has found constant use for the knowledge he gained while spending so much of his time at agricultural conventions and institutes. He deserves the reputation he enjoys

as one of the most progressive men of his township. He is a member of Valley Grange, No. 1184, P. O. H.

On Nov. 24, 1908, Mr. Sidler married Minnie Roberts, who was born May 16, 1885, in Valley township, Montour county, daughter of Edward and Alvaretta (Lewis) Roberts, farming people of Montour township, Columbia county, both now deceased. Mr. Roberts was born in Valley township. Mr. Roberts served many years as supervisor and also held other township offices. Mr. and Mrs. Sidler have had two children: John Emanuel, born Jan. 26, 1910, and Philip Alton, born Dec. 21, 1912.

Politically Mr. Sidler is an active Democrat, and he has served a number of years on the election board and as election judge in Derry township.

PHINEAS HOLDREN, a venerable resident of Anthony township, Montour county, now living retired, was engaged in farming and carpentry there for many years and by a long life of industry gained the respect of all his fellow citizens. He was born May 13, 1833, near Whitehall, in what is now Montour county, son of Adron Holdren, a native of New Jersey, born in 1785, who came to Whitehall and farmed there the rest of his life, dying at the age of eighty-four. His wife, Abigail (DeMott), was also born in New Jersey, Sept. 22, 1794, and lived to be eighty-four years old. They were Baptists in religious connection, and he was a Whig in politics. They had a large family (of whom Phineas is now the only survivor), viz.: Mary, born May 16, 1813 (married George Bradshaw); Elizabeth, April 29, 1815 (married Andrew Jackson); Sally, Sept. 20, 1817 (married Jackson Carnahan); William, Nov. 17, 1819 (married Sarah Derr); Richard, March 17, 1821; Benjamin, Feb. 10, 1823; John, Feb. 4, 1825; David, Aug. 4, 1827 (married Lucretia Macoy); Matthias, Dec. 11, 1830; Phineas, May 15, 1833; George, April 29, 1835 (married Jalena Crawford).

Phineas Holdren was given no chance for schooling in his boyhood, being obliged to help with the work at home as soon as he could give any assistance, and the facilities for education were limited at that time in the neighborhood. When eighteen years old he was apprenticed to learn the trade of carpenter and cabinetmaker, and while serving his time received twelve cents a day; for two years he was thus engaged at Millville, Co-

lumbia county. Some time later he went West, and he was an early settler in the State of Minnesota, taking up a farm near St. Paul upon which he remained for nine years. During that period Little Crow, the Sioux Indian chief, commenced the hostilities of 1862-63 in that section, and he was subsequently captured and shot for his misdeeds. Returning to Pennsylvania in 1862, Mr. Holdren enlisted Oct. 21, 1862, in Co. G, 178th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, under Capt. Wm. G. Adams, for nine months' service, receiving his discharge July 27, 1863, at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Pa. He went back to Minnesota, and worked at the carpenter's trade, and also spent two years in Illinois. Selling his farm in the West, he returned (1866) to Anthony township, Montour Co., Pa., where he bought part of his father's land. He operated same and also engaged in work at his trade, being successful in both lines, which he continued until his retirement, in the year 1897. Since then he has done no hard work, enjoying a well earned rest. Mr. Holdren has always been a good citizen, and public-spirited in his support of measures for the welfare of the community, but he has taken no direct part in public affairs. He has been a Republican in political connection, and stanch in his support of the party. He is a member of the G. A. R. post at Millville.

On April 6, 1857, at Milton, Pa., Mr. Holdren married Phoebe Crawford, who was born Sept. 7, 1835, at Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., daughter of Jacob Crawford, an old resident of that vicinity; his wife's maiden name was Troy. Mrs. Holdren died Nov. 21, 1909, aged seventy-four years. Nine children were born to this union, but only four survive at this writing: (1) Sarah Jane, born Feb. 26, 1860, married Frank Dilldine, of Schuylers, Pa., and they have eight children. Some of these are married, and Mr. Holdren has six great-grandchildren in this connection. (2) Olive Priscilla, born March 26, 1863, is married to Charles B. Cox and living in Bloomsburg. She has two children: John Clyde, of Bloomsburg, who married Pearl Horley and has one child, Ruth M., and Homer Holdren, attending school in Bloomsburg. (3) George B., born April 6, 1866, a carpenter, of Washingtonville, Montour county, married Clara Snyder, who was born July 10, 1869, and they have nine children, born as follows: Marian, May 31, 1895; Alfred S., April 8, 1897; Caroline B., Jan. 6, 1899; Phebe D., Aug. 8, 1901; John Wesley, July 15, 1904; Charles Phineas, Aug. 27,

1905; Erma Alvesta, May 28, 1907; George William McConnell, Feb. 8, 1910; Stewart Crawford, Sept. 26, 1911. (4) Mary Ellen, born April 16, 1872, is the wife of Arthur Wilson, of Geneva, N. Y. They have no children. Of the deceased children of Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Holdren, Abbie was born Jan. 2, 1857; John T., Nov. 14, 1857; and Emma F., Feb. 10, 1871. The family was reared in the faith of the Baptist Church.

JAMES CHARLES FINNIGAN, roller at the Reading Iron Works, Danville, Montour Co., Pa., is a native of that place, born Nov. 8, 1858, son of William and Mary (Divvers) Finnigan.

William Finnigan was born in Ireland. Coming to the United States he settled at Danville, Pa., where he worked in the blast furnace the remainder of his life, passing away at the age of forty-two years. He married Mary Divvers, of Exchange, Montour Co., Pa., and they had the following children: Alice, who died at the age of thirteen years; William, who died when eleven years old; and James Charles.

James Charles Finnigan, son of William Finnigan, was educated in the public schools of Danville. He began his business career with Waterman & Beaver, in the iron works, there learning his trade and working up to be a roller, and he has continued with the same plant through all its changes to the present, it being now known as the Reading Iron Works. A natural leader of men, Mr. Finnigan has been called upon to discharge the duties of numerous offices, having been an inspector of elections, borough auditor and councilman. He was elected to the latter position in 1905 and still holds it, having been re-elected in 1913 for two years. He has been on various committees while serving in the council, was chairman of the finance committee, and of those on light and printing, and a member of the public safety and water committees.

Mr. Finnigan was married to Rose Powers, of Danville, Pa., a daughter of James and Catherine (Conlin) Powers, the former a blast furnace worker. Mr. and Mrs. Finnigan are the parents of five children: Mary C. was graduated from the Danville high school; James P., who was also graduated from the Danville high school, is manager of the Castle Grove greenhouses and lives at home; Joseph G. was graduated from the Danville high school; Maurice H. and Alice C. are still students.

A devout Catholic, Mr. Finnigan has been one of the most active and effective workers and members of St. Joseph's Church for years. He belongs to the choir and is connected with various church organizations, belonging to the Total Abstinence Society (of which he was an organizer and its first president), the Montour County Society of the A. O. H. (of which he was also an organizer and first county president), and the St. Vincent de Paul Charitable Association (which he is serving as treasurer).

CHARLES D. LEVAN, a retired farmer of Limestone township, Montour county, was born there Aug. 15, 1837, son of Charles Levan, who passed all his mature life in the township. The family is of French Huguenot origin, four brothers coming to America from France in pre-Revolutionary days, and settling in the lower part of Pennsylvania, in what is now Northampton county. (One account says the ancestor was one of three brothers, another that he came with three brothers, and another that five brothers came.)

Solomon Levan, grandfather of Charles D. Levan, came from Northampton county to what is now Montour county, settling here permanently, and he died near Limestoneville in 1828. His wife, Mary (Balliet), long survived him, dying in 1868, and they are buried in the Paradise Church graveyard in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Charles Levan, eldest son of Solomon, was born in 1800 in Northampton county, Pa., and was but seven years old when he moved with his parents to Northumberland county (now Montour). After reaching maturity he came to Limestone township, in what is now Montour county, where he established a home and passed the remainder of his life. Mr. Levan died Feb. 13, 1881, at the age of eighty years, and was buried in the Paradise Church cemetery. His wife, Mary (Follmer), afterward lived at Watsontown with her daughter, Mrs. Mowrey, dying July 2, 1892, aged ninety-one years. She was a daughter of Henry and Mary Follmer, natives of Berks county, and the Follmers have been in this country for several generations. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Levan, of whom but two now survive, Susan L. and Charles Daniel, the former the widow of Morgan Mowrey, of Williamsport, Pa. Of the others, John lived in Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Mo.; Margaret J. married Oscar Craig, of Anthony township; Jacob died in Michigan; Catherine married George Price; Elizabeth married Benjamin

Housel, and died at Vicksburg, while visiting her husband, who was serving in the Union army; Henry died when one year old.

Charles D. Levan was educated in the schools of the home locality; and though his opportunities were limited he acquired sufficient education to enable him to teach, being thus engaged for seven terms between the ages of sixteen and twenty, in Northumberland and Montour counties. He has been trained to farming from early boyhood, and after giving up teaching followed that work altogether, in Montour county, in the winter season also doing threshing. Thus he continued until 1875, when he bought his present farm, a tract of 192 acres, which under his able and intelligent management has become one of the most modernly conducted properties in Limestone township. He carried on general farming and stock raising throughout his active years, and the burden of his work is now attended to by his son. Mr. Levan has always been considered one of the worthiest and most desirable citizens of his locality, where his industrious and useful life has won him deserved esteem. He has held township offices, including that of member of the school board, giving faithful service.

On Jan. 26, 1875, Mr. Levan married Sarah Catherine Watson, who was born Nov. 9, 1852, in Northumberland county, and they have had five children, namely: Anna, born June 10, 1877, was well educated, finishing the three-year course at Bloomsburg normal school, and in 1899 married Daniel Montgomery, a merchant, of Hazleton, Pa., by whom she has two children, Edward Watson and Robert; John, born April 23, 1879, a farmer of Limestone township, married Ada Faust; Mary, born July 17, 1881, took the three-year course at the Bloomsburg normal school and taught for six years in Montour county before her death, which occurred June 29, 1911; Grace, born June 1, 1886, took a two years' course at the Bloomsburg normal school and also attended Millersville (Pa.) normal school, and she has taught five years in Limestone township, Montour county; William, born March 7, 1888, lives at home. This family has been reared in the teachings of the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Levan and his family are members. Politically he is a Democrat.

In 1862 Mr. Levan enlisted from Montour county for nine months in the Union army, joining Company G, 178th Regiment, Pennsylvania militia, mustered in Oct. 21,

1862. He served under Capt. William G. Adams and Col. William Johnson, being mustered out July 27, 1862, at Harrisburg. His command was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and was engaged in operations in Virginia. Mr. Levan was orderly sergeant.

The Watson family, to which Mrs. Levan belongs, is descended from old Pennsylvania stock, her great-grandfather, John Watson, having come from the vicinity of Muncy Creek with his parents, who lived in the neighborhood of Jerseytown, Columbia county, until they died. John Watson removed to what is now Anthony township, Montour county, in the early part of the last century and located where Samuel Watson later lived. Here John resided until his death in 1837, his wife having preceded him by several years, both being buried in the Derry churchyard.

Hugh Watson, son of John, some years after his marriage removed to Anthony township, and bought 200 acres of land, afterward owned by Mr. Gearhart, a foundryman of McEwensville. Thence he removed to Muncy Creek township, Lycoming county, Pa., bought land, and resided there for the remainder of his days. He and his wife are buried in the Muncy cemetery. They were the parents of seven children: Eliza, John, Sarah, Jane, Margaret, Mollie and Allen.

John Watson, Mrs. Levan's father, was born May 15, 1830, in Madison township, Columbia county, and made his home with his parents until twenty-three years of age. He then moved to Dewart, Pa., renting land, taking an interest also in the building of the York & Erie railroad, which was surveyed through his farm. He bought a farm near Milton in 1862, removed to it in 1863, and lived on it until 1869. The first piece of land he ever owned was that part of Turbotville now occupied by the fair grounds, but he never occupied it. In 1869 he sold the farm near Milton and bought one of 250 acres in Anthony township, Montour county, for \$20,000. He also at that time owned fifty acres of timber and pasture land in the same township, which he afterwards sold. He removed to his largest farm the year after he bought it. He was married at Jerseytown Dec. 15, 1852, to Louisa Catherine, daughter of John and Julia Ann (Levan) Steiner, the former of whom died Sept. 3, 1883, and the latter Dec. 27, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Watson were the parents of eight children: Sarah Catherine (Mrs. Levan); Harriet; Julia Ann; Mary Jane; Emma; Clara; Blanche, and Hugh Allen. All of the family were members of

the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Watson was one of the progressive men of his township, and assisted in securing the location of the Watsonstown & North Mountain railroad, which passes through his farm.

ELI APPLEMAN, farmer and stock dealer of Derry township, Montour county, belongs to a family which has been settled in that section for eighty years, his father having come here in 1832. His grandparents, Baldy and Mary (Melick) Appleman, were natives of Pennsylvania and of German and Dutch descent, respectively. They had a family of eight children. Baldy Appleman was a soldier in the war of 1812, and his wife's father, Peter Melick, served in the Revolution.

Caleb Appleman, sixth in the family of Baldy and Mary (Melick) Appleman, was born April 12, 1812, in Frosty Valley, Columbia Co., Pa., and received his education at Bloomsburg, that county. In 1832 he came to Valley township, in what is now Montour county, and for many years was successfully engaged in farming, retiring from active pursuits in the year 1885. He subsequently made his home in Danville, where he died in 1894. Mr. Appleman not only looked after his private affairs well, but was active in church work and other matters affecting the public welfare, being a school director for six years and constable twenty-seven years, serving part of the time when his township was included in Columbia county, and later when it was in Montour county. At one time a member of the Episcopal Church at Bloomsburg, he served many years as superintendent of its Sunday school. When the Methodist Church in Valley township was erected, he was a member of the building committee, and though never a member of that church he served as one of its trustees for many years at Bloomsburg. Politically he was a Democrat. In 1831 Mr. Appleman married Mary M. Rishel, daughter of Henry Rishel, who was of German origin, and ten children were born to them: Elmira, deceased, was the wife of John Carr; Sarah Ann, the widow of Charles A. Rentz, lives at Williamsport, Pa.; Agnes is the widow of James M. Van Devender and lives in Northumberland county, Pa.; Mary E., deceased, was the wife of John C. Patterson, of Danville; Margaret J., deceased, was the wife of Hon. Jesse C. Amerman, a prominent farmer; Amos B. served in the Civil war, in the 132d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Harriet, deceased, was the wife of Peter E. Rentz; Eli is mentioned below; Car-



oline is the wife of George Gilmore, of Linden, Pa.; Franklin Pierce is deceased. The mother was a Lutheran, becoming a member of the church at Milton when about nineteen years old. She lived to advanced age.

Eli Appleman was born Feb. 7, 1847, in Valley township, and there received his education in the common schools. Assisting his father with the farm work at home until he attained his majority, he afterward farmed with him on shares until twenty-four years old. Then he came to Derry township and bought the old Brittain farm, where he has since carried on general farming and stock raising, ranking among the prosperous residents of his locality. Modern methods and intelligent attention to detail have been rewarded with steady success, and his personal character has made him many warm friends in the township. He has held the office of assessor one term, and has served three terms as judge of election. In political association he is a Democrat. From youth he has attended the Methodist Church.

Mr. Appleman married Theresa Dildine, who was born in 1852 in Madison township, Columbia county, Pa., daughter of William and Elizabeth (Sheep) Dildine, and granddaughter of Clark Dildine, of Columbia county. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Appleman: Elizabeth is the wife of Clark Benfield, of Limestone township, Montour county; Clyde married Mary Wintersteen, who died in September, 1908, and they had four children, Walter, Howard, Myrtle and Glen; William is at home; Rebecca, who lives at home, is engaged in teaching school.

RALPH KISNER, the present solicitor for Montour county and the borough of Danville, Pa., is one of the leading attorneys in this district and has a large and successful general practice. He has the honor of being the only Republican chosen to the office of district attorney since 1878, and his services in this and other public offices have won him high esteem in the county. He is a native of Columbia county, born April 6, 1878, at Millville, son of Henry W. Kisner and a grandson of Samuel B. Kisner.

The founder of the Kisner family was a native of Germany, of the Rheinpfalz section, and came to America by sailing vessel, the voyage lasting over six months, owing to the inclement weather. On the voyage over Leonard Kisner was born. He lived with his father in Berks county, Pa., where they had settled. After his majority he married Eliza-

beth, daughter of John Buck, and to them were born: Jonas, Elizabeth, John, Jacob, Anna and David. All reared families except Anna, who died of smallpox.

John Kisner, father of Samuel B. Kisner, was born Dec. 9, 1800, at Maidencreek, Berks county, near the foot of Blue mountain. He grew up in Madison township, Columbia county, where he married Susan Battin Dec. 30, 1824. They had five children: Sarah, wife of J. P. Smith, of Rohrsburg; Elizabeth, wife of Phineas Welliver, of Madison township; Samuel B.; Anna C., wife of James Welliver, of Greenwood; and Henry, who died at the age of twenty-four years.

Samuel B. Kisner was born March 16, 1828, in Madison township, Columbia county, and in 1846 moved to Greenwood township, where he learned the trade of blacksmith. In 1849 he began business for himself, and in 1851 settled at Millville, where he operated a shop of his own until his death. In 1878 his son Henry entered into partnership with him, the firm then being S. B. & H. W. Kisner. On Dec. 9, 1847, Mr. Kisner married Martha, daughter of Amos and Mary Parker, and they had nine children: John, residing in Millville and in partnership with his brother Henry W.; Elijah, deceased; Henry W., mentioned below; Roy, employed in the American Car & Foundry Co., residing in Berwick; Sarah, wife of W. W. Heacock of Millville; Susan, wife of Alfred B. Cole, of Philadelphia; Mary, wife of G. McHenry, of Benton; Kate, who died at the age of seventeen; and Amos, who died when one year old. In politics Mr. Kisner was a Republican. He died June 10, 1897, and is buried amidst the evergreens of the little Millville cemetery.

Henry W. Kisner, son of Samuel B., was born at Millville June 6, 1854, and followed the occupation of his father, later inheriting the blacksmith shop. He has been a prominent and active citizen of Millville, and has served seventeen years as councilman of the borough. He married Mary A. Shoemaker, who was born April 9, 1856, in Pine township, one of a family of three sons and two daughters. To Mr. Kisner and his wife was born but one child, Ralph, who is mentioned below. In 1898 Mr. Kisner took his brother John into partnership, the firm name being now H. W. Kisner & Bro. Even at the age of sixty Mr. Kisner is capable of doing any kind of blacksmithing and works at the forge from day to day.

Ralph Kisner attended the public schools of Millville and the Friends' Academy there, fol-



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lowing which he took a course in the State normal school at Bloomsburg, from which he was graduated in 1895. He next attended the Peirce school at Philadelphia, and for two years thereafter taught country schools. Taking up the study of law he read in the office of James Scarlet, of Danville, was admitted to the bar Oct. 6, 1900, and has since been engaged in general practice in Mr. Scarlet's office. Mr. Kisner has had many public honors. In 1902 he was elected district attorney, which office he held for three years. In 1912 he was elected solicitor for Montour county and the borough of Danville, in which position he is giving the highest satisfaction. For ten years he has been the attorney for the Danville school board, has been legal representative for a number of business interests in Danville, and has assisted in many of the noted cases of recent years. His fellow Republicans have shown substantial appreciation of his ability and worth by twice nominating him for representative in the State Legislature. The last time, 1910, he declined because of the demands of his law practice.

Mr. Kisner is a speaker of ability and forcefulness and is in demand upon all important occasions, having won an enviable reputation in this section of the State. He is a member of Danville Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; of Danville Chapter No. 239, R. A. M., and Calvary Commandery, No. 37, K. T.; he is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

On June 19, 1912, Mr. Kisner was united in marriage to H. Marie Fetterman, daughter of R. W. and Sarah (Rugh) Fetterman, of Danville.

**JOHN FRANKLIN HENDRICKSON**, farmer, residing in Valley township on the old homestead of his father, which he now owns, was born here June 6, 1858, son of John Hendrickson and a grandson of Abram Hendrickson.

Abram Hendrickson, the grandfather, was born in New Jersey, where he grew to manhood and married Mary Catherine Vandling, who was born in 1774 and died Oct. 28, 1852. They left New Jersey and came to Liberty township, in what was then Northumberland (now Montour) county, Pa., and were early settlers there. Mr. Hendrickson acquired much land, owning at one time 600 acres, a great deal of which he cleared, and which he improved with log structures. He and his wife lived to old age, and were buried in Old Grove

cemetery, now Memorial Park. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. Their children were as follows: Peter, born Oct. 10, 1798, died Feb. 17, 1823; Margaret, born March 6, 1803, died at the age of seventy-five years; Elizabeth, born March 16, 1805, married Thomas Courson; William, born May 15, 1807, died Feb. 23, 1849; John; Adam was born Sept. 7, 1811; Abram, born May 15, 1816, married Matilda Shultz, and died Aug. 20, 1850; Sarah, wife of John Voris, died May 11, 1874; Anne, wife of Michael Shires, died Aug. 16, 1853.

John Hendrickson, son of Abram and father of John Franklin Hendrickson, was born near Mooresburg, Pa., Aug. 31, 1810. While young he worked on his father's farm and then learned the blacksmith's trade, and after he married had a shop in Mooresburg and carried on blacksmithing for some time, later buying a farm of three hundred acres. Until his health failed he continued the operation of this land, but when his attacks of bronchitis and asthma became severe he turned his responsibilities over to his son, who continued to farm according to his father's wishes for the next ten years, during which the father lived retired.

John Hendrickson was a man of local importance and during his active years was recognized as a leading Democrat in his section. He served many years as a school director and as justice of the peace, holding every township office with the exception of supervisor. In every relation of life he was respected and esteemed and his sterling qualities were recognized. He was a faithful member of Zion Methodist Church and served in all the church offices, and as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Hendrickson was twice married, first to Grace Gibson, who was born near Mooresburg. She died leaving one child, Oliver, who was born July 23, 1836, and died June 17, 1870; he married Sarah Zehnder, who died in Oregon. John Hendrickson's second marriage took place Sept. 26, 1839, when he was united to Mary Ann Davis, by Rev. Robert T. Nixon. She was born Feb. 3, 1819, only child of David and Sarah (Mellen) Davis, the latter of whom was born March 26, 1800, and died March 25, 1857. David Davis settled near Mooresburg, in Liberty township, and there carried on farming. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church and were buried in Zion's graveyard. The children of Mr. Hendrickson's second marriage were as follows: Sarah, born June 10, 1840, married George

Surver, who is deceased; David, born March 13, 1842, married Clara Childs and (second) Sarah Hendrickson; William, born March 26, 1845, married Lucy Creveling, and they reside at Riverside; Abram, born June 27, 1847, married Angeline Runyan, who is deceased; Rebecca, born Nov. 5, 1852, married William C. Wilson, like herself a native of Valley township, and they moved to Paradise, Oregon; Alice, born April 16, 1855, married H. A. Thomas, and both are deceased; John Franklin is next in the family; Harvey E., born Jan. 1, 1861, lives at Paradise, Oregon; George McClellan, born Aug. 31, 1863, also of Paradise, Oregon, married first Nellie Reavis, and second Nellie Lyman. The father of the above family died Feb. 13, 1882, the mother April 10, 1876, and both were interred in Zion cemetery in Valley township, Montour Co., Pa. They are still kindly remembered by old neighbors.

John Franklin Hendrickson attended the Hendrickson school in Valley township and early began to make himself useful to his father on the home farm. Later, as stated above, he assumed charge when his father's health failed, and after the latter's death bought the interests of the other heirs and now owns the old homestead, a tract of 110 acres, twenty-five of which is in timber.

On June 6, 1883, John F. Hendrickson was married to Margaret Wintersteen, a daughter of John and Sarah A. (Farnsworth) Wintersteen, and five children have been born to them: Jesse W., born June 10, 1884, married Edith Rogers, of Valley township, and they have one child, Margaret May; George L., born May 17, 1887, is a graduate of the Danville high school and of Cornell University, and is a civil engineer with Chester & Fleming, of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sarah Effie, born March 17, 1892, is a teacher, now engaged in New Brunswick, N. J.; Mary Edna, born Sept. 5, 1893, is a graduate of the Danville high school, taking the highest class honors in 1912, and first honors in the graduating class of 1914, at the Bloomsburg normal school; Miriam Lois, born Aug. 26, 1901, is a student in the Hill school in Valley township.

Mr. Hendrickson values education and has afforded fine privileges to his children, and has reason to be gratified with their appreciation of the same. He and family are members of Zion Methodist Episcopal Church in Valley township, which he has served as class leader, Sunday school superintendent, steward and trustee. In politics he is an independent

voter, and he is a warm advocate of temperance.

Margaret (Wintersteen) Hendrickson, wife of John Franklin Hendrickson, was born Oct. 10, 1862, in Franklin township, Lycoming Co., Pa., daughter of John Wintersteen and a granddaughter of Benjamin Wintersteen.

Benjamin Wintersteen, who spent his life of seventy years near Pine Summit, Pine township, Columbia Co., Pa., followed farming. He married Sarah Welliver, and they had children as follows: Valentine, who died in Michigan; John, father of Mrs. Hendrickson; Margaret, widow of Phineas Whitmyer; Jane, widow of John Whitmyer, both sisters living near Pine Summit; and Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of Adam Renn, also deceased. Benjamin Wintersteen was a strong Democrat all his life. He and wife were active members of the United Evangelical Church. She died at the age of sixty-five years, and they are buried in the Methodist graveyard at Pine Summit.

John Wintersteen, father of Mrs. Hendrickson, was born in Pine township Aug. 16, 1823. In boyhood he attended the Cotner school near Pine Summit, and afterward worked on his father's farm and operated his father's sawmill. He married Sarah Ann Farnsworth, born Aug. 20, 1841, and they had the following children: Emma Jane, born Oct. 3, 1858, married Ira Chatham, of Lock Haven, Pa.; Howard Smith, born April 3, 1860, now deceased, married Mary Lyons, of Pine Summit; Margaret is the wife of John F. Hendrickson; Mary Ellen, now deceased, born July 23, 1864, married Homer Runyan, of Montgomery, Pennsylvania.

John Wintersteen and his wife moved from Pine Summit to Valley township and spent one year on land that is now the poorhouse farm. Then they moved to Moreland township and lived for a while with John Farnsworth, Mrs. Wintersteen's father, thence to the old Wintersteen homestead in Pine township, where John Wintersteen died, after having been in poor health for several years. He was buried at Moreland. He was a member of the Baptist Church.

Sarah Ann (Farnsworth) Wintersteen, mother of Mrs. Hendrickson, was born Aug. 20, 1841, and died March 12, 1897. Her father, John Farnsworth, came, after his marriage, from Philadelphia to Moreland township, Lycoming county, where he bought nearly three hundred acres of heavily timbered land. He died there aged fifty-four years. The Farnsworths were kindred of the Grants

and the Simpsons, distinguished people of these names being Ulysses S. Grant and Bishop Simpson.

John Farnsworth married Effie Smith, whose mother's maiden name was Effie Simpson. They had the following children: Sarah Ann, Mrs. Wintersteen; Effie; Mary, who married Fred Kramer, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Margaret, who died in 1913; Jonathan Smith, who married Susan Lyons, of Lycoming county; and George Simpson, who married Hester Smith. Mrs. John Farnsworth died when aged sixty-nine years, and she and her husband were interred in the Moreland graveyard. They were members of the Baptist Church.

After John Wintersteen's death his widow lived with her father, John Farnsworth, and later was married to John Sidler, by whom she had the following children: William S., born Sept. 17, 1876, married Minnie Roberts, of Valley township; Nora, born Dec. 7, 1872, married George K. Heddens; Annie, born Jan. 3, 1878, married Philip Ikeler, of Moselle, Mississippi.

The mother of Mrs. Hendrickson was a member of the Baptist Church and by the same minister, Rev. Henry Monroe, was baptized, confirmed, twice married and buried. She rests in Zion (Hendrickson's) Church graveyard in Valley township.

Mrs. Hendrickson attended school at Farandsville, Clinton Co., Pa., and afterward, prior to her marriage, which occurred when she was twenty years of age, lived with her mother and stepfather. She is an active member of Zion's M. E. Church, teaching in the Sunday school, and belonging to the Epworth League.

DAVID MORGAN RODERICK, who has charge of the 12-inch guide rolls at the Reading Iron Company (formerly the Montour Iron Works), Danville, was born in Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 19, 1870. He is a son of Edward William Roderick and grandson of William Roderick, the family being of Welsh ancestry. Mr. Roderick resides at No. 639 Bloom street, just outside the limits of Danville, in Mahoning township.

William Roderick was born in 1800 in Wales, where he followed the trade of coal miner. In 1850 he emigrated to America and settled in Danville in 1852, working at the iron ore mines until obliged by age to cease his labors. After the death of his wife, in 1881, he made his home with Mrs. Sarah Ann Evans, and later resided with his son John

until his death, in 1890. He and his wife are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville. Both were members of the Welsh Congregational Church. Mr. Roderick dug the well on the old Grove Mansion property, now the Bennett Mansion, one of the first wells in this vicinity. He married Leah Jayne, born in Wales in 1812, and their children were: Thomas, who married twice, both of his wives being deceased (his death occurred in 1901); Edward W., mentioned below; and John, who married Jane Gough, now of Canal Dover, Ohio.

Edward William Roderick was born in Blaenavon, Monmouthshire, South Wales, March 28, 1840, and had very little education, attending the free school until seven years old. At that age he went to work as a trap door tender in a coal mine, and he was so small that his father carried him to work on his back. In 1850 he came with his father to America, and when they settled in Danville in 1852 he obtained work in the rolling mill, dragging out in the puddle mill. During the winter of 1857 he attended school three months at Danville. He rapidly acquired a knowledge of the iron business, working as puddler and roller, at the age of sixteen working at the muck rolls in the Waterman & Beaver Rail Mills. On the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted, in April, 1861, in Company C, 14th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, being mustered in at Harrisburg. After the short term of his enlistment had expired he re-enlisted, in Company A, 132d Regiment, became fifth sergeant, and for good service was promoted to orderly sergeant and second lieutenant. He took part in many important engagements, among them those at Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg and Antietam. Upon being mustered out in 1864 he returned to Danville, where he was married the following year to Margaret D. Morgans, daughter of David and Hannah (Reese) Morgans, both of Caermarthenshire, South Wales. Mrs. Roderick was born Aug. 6, 1840. They had children as follows: John, born at Danville in June, 1865, died at Catasauqua Feb. 27, 1867; John W., born at Catasauqua Sept. 28, 1867, died March 22, 1875, at Skaneateles, N. Y.; David Morgan is mentioned below; Thomas C., born at Newark, Ohio, Oct. 25, 1873, now consulting engineer for the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Electric street railways, married Eldora Holmes, and has one child, George (they reside in Grand Rapids, Mich.); Hannah, born at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Feb. 26, 1877, died in infancy; William E.,

born at Poughkeepsie June 30, 1878, died at Massillon, Ohio, in 1882; Edward W., Jr., born at Lockland, Ohio, Oct. 6, 1881, died at Canal Dover, Ohio, Oct. 10, 1884; Elizabeth, born at Danville, Pa., July 19, 1884, died at Canal Dover April 15, 1886.

After his marriage Edward W. Roderick left Danville and worked at rolling mills in Catasauqua, Pa., Syracuse, N. Y., Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Columbus, Ohio, and Massillon, Ohio. He then returned to Danville and took charge of the Glendower Iron Works (now the Structural Tubing Works) for two years. In 1899 he went to Canal Dover, Ohio, and with the exception of a short time in Danville has been there ever since. He is now living retired. He is a Republican, and has been councilman four years, member of the board of education six years, and in 1896 was candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket, but was defeated. Mr. Roderick was formerly a member of the Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., of Canal Dover (Master Mason), the Royal Arch Chapter at New Philadelphia, Ohio, and Massillon Commandery, No. 4, K. T.

David Morgan Roderick was educated in the schools of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Danville, Pa., and Canal Dover, Ohio. At the age of fourteen he left school and went to work in the 10-inch finishing mill with his father, learned the trade of roller, and went to Cambridge, Ohio, where he worked at sheet heating for one year. When the Spanish-American war began he went to Gate City, eight miles from Birmingham, Ala., and worked in the 16-inch bar mill for one and a half years. He then returned to Canal Dover and became assistant to his father in the guide mill for two years. In 1901, when the big steel strike occurred, he went to Canton, Ohio, worked in the sheet mill, and in 1902 returned to Bessemer, Ala., to work in the 16-inch bar mill of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company, remaining there for two years. From there he went to Elmira, N. Y., had charge of the 10-inch guide mill for eight months, next worked in the tin mill at Canal Dover as heater for two years, and then returned to Danville, where he has had charge of the 12-inch guide rolls ever since.

In 1893 Mr. Roderick married Anna Salmon, daughter of Osmond and Ellen (Ault) Salmon, and their children are: Edward, born Aug. 24, 1895, an apprentice in the rolling mill; and Jessie, born Oct. 5, 1896, a student in the Fourth ward grammar school. Mr. Roderick has built a fine home in the

outskirts of Danville, and has been very liberal in giving his children all the educational advantages possible. He is a Republican and a member of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is steward and trustee. He has also served as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a member of Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., Danville Chapter, No. 239, Royal Arch Masons, and Calvary Commandery, No. 37, Knights Templar; of Montour Castle, No. 186, K. G. E., and Montour Commandery, K. G. E., of Danville.

Mrs. Anna (Salmon) Roderick was born Jan. 28, 1876, in Canal Dover, Ohio, and was educated in the grammar and high schools, but was obliged to leave the latter before graduation owing to an attack of diphtheria. She then remained at home until her marriage. She is a member of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of Danville, is first soprano in the choir, and has taught in the Sunday school. She is secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society, has been treasurer of the Epworth League two years, and represents her church in the Women's Benevolent Association of the borough of Danville. Her grandfather, William Salmon, was a native of England, and died when his son Osmond was but ten years of age. His wife had died two years before.

Osmond Salmon, father of Mrs. Roderick, after the death of his parents went to live with an aunt in Somersetshire, England, for a time. He had but limited schooling, being engaged in coal mining from childhood. He was quite young when he came to America, and landed in New York with little money. For a time he made a living by doing odd jobs, and finally drifted into the hard coal regions of Pennsylvania. He later went to Canal Dover, Ohio, where he opened a mine for a man named Boady, working for him until he had enough money to open a mine for himself. Since 1888 he has continued mining and buying land, now having three veins opened and being worked under lease. He married Ellen Ault, and they have had six children: Mary, Cora, Alice and Harry, who died in infancy; Anna, mentioned above; and Chandler O., who married Emma Mazelle. Mr. Salmon was a Republican for many years, but is now an adherent of the Prohibition party. He has been treasurer of Canal Dover two terms, councilman, school director and supervisor of roads. He is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Canal Dover, and is at present secretary of that organization. He is a choir leader of the Moravian Church and

treasurer of the Sunday school. His wife is a member of the English Lutheran Church and has been alto singer in the choir for a number of years.

John Ault, father of Mrs. Salmon, was born in Ohio, his father being one of the early settlers there. He lived in the county, near Canal Dover, and after the children were born he moved to town and ran the engines of the old Croxton furnace for many years. His death was caused by a fall from the top of the cupola. He married Eva Demuth, daughter of Philip Demuth, owner of the great crockery works of East Liverpool, Ohio. To Mr. and Mrs. Ault were born five children: Alfred, deceased, married Ella Frey, of Cambridge, Ohio; Frances married Henry Crismore, of Canal Dover; George, deceased, married Kate Hoover, who lives in Lincoln, Neb.; Ellen has been previously mentioned; Jesse, former owner of Ault's Steel Foundry and Machine Shops of Alliance, Ohio, is now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Ault were members of the Methodist Church, and they are buried in the Canal Dover cemetery near the church. He was a Republican in politics.

H. ALFRED SNYDER, who is a merchant at Strawberry Ridge, Montour Co., Pa., was born Feb. 5, 1867, in Valley township, same county, at the old Snyder homestead, son of William M. and Carolina (Bloom) Snyder.

John Snyder, the grandfather, was a lifelong resident of Valley township, where he followed farming, owning a farm of 150 acres. A few years before his death he sold this property and built a home at Mausdale, where he spent the last years of his life, dying when nearly eighty years old. His wife, Susanna (Ware), died at the age of sixty-eight years. They were members of St. John's German Reformed Church at Mausdale, where they are buried. Originally a Whig in political opinion, he later became a Republican, and was active in the party. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder had children as follows: John S., who married Sarah Long; Mary, wife of Joseph Crossley; Christianne, Mrs. Pursel; Peter K., who married Catherine Snyder and (second) Sarah Geringer; Michael K., who married Mary Shaffer; Sarah, Mrs. Geringer; Henry, who married Elizabeth Berger; Catherine, wife of Lafayette Raup; William M.; Jacob; and Larry, who married Clara Keefer.

William M. Snyder was born Sept. 20, 1840, in Valley township, and as a lad started to work in a lime quarry, but later went to Frosty Valley, where he was a miner. He

subsequently spent four years at Morgantown as an iron worker, then farmed for five years for Peter Baldy, and in 1867 took charge of the quarry of Phil Maus, of Mausdale. Later he moved to Hemlock township, where he was engaged in farming two years, and then went to Anthony township, being there engaged in farming for Edward Baldy for twelve years. At the expiration of this period he retired and went to Derry township. Mr. Snyder married Carolina Bloom, who died on her birthday, Dec. 20, 1912, at the age of seventy-four years. She was born near Nazareth, Northampton county, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Smith) Bloom, and as a girl rode on the first train of the Catawissa (now the Reading) Company that passed through this section. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, of whom four are living: Martha Jane, the wife of J. Wesley Jackson, of Frosty Valley; Amelia, wife of D. Wesley Diehl; Sarah Clara, wife of George B. Holden, of Washingtonville, Pa.; and H. Alfred. The four deceased are: Hannah, the eldest of the family; Benjamin F., who married Amanda Saul and had two children; William Wallace, who died in infancy; and Minnie, who died young.

H. Alfred Snyder attended the district schools of his native locality, and for fifteen years was engaged in farming, then moving to Strawberry Ridge, where he opened his present store. He carries a full line of general merchandise, as well as all kinds of farm implements, groceries and hardware, and has the only establishment of its kind in his section of the county.

On Feb. 28, 1888, Mr. Snyder was married to Lizzie A. Rovenalt, who was born Aug. 9, 1866, in Derry township, Montour Co., Pa., daughter of Charles and Clara (Seidel) Rovenalt. Mr. Snyder and his wife belong to the German Reformed Church at Strawberry Ridge. He belongs to the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Camp No. 365, at Washingtonville, and to Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M. Politically a Republican, he has served three terms as supervisor, and has ever been an active worker in behalf of his party, acting as committeeman of his district. He was one of the promoters of the People's Ideal Telephone Company.

JAMES JEFFERSON ELLIS, late of Anthony township, Montour county, was one of the respected citizens of that locality and belonged to one of its oldest and most substantial families. He was a descendant of



Stephen Ellis, the first of the name to settle in this region, one of the early residents of Anthony township. Rev. Milton Lightner, the first regular pastor of St. James' Episcopal Church at Exchange, made his first visit to the place to preach at the funeral of Stephen Ellis. When the latter died he left a verbal will giving \$200 toward the erection of an Episcopal Church at Exchange, "should there ever be a disposition to erect such a building." The church was commenced in 1848, on land purchased for that purpose, the cornerstone was laid that year by Bishop Alonzo Potter, and the completed building dedicated by the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Milton Lightner and others. Prominent among the contributors to the work were the estate of Stephen Ellis, William Ellis, Stephen Ellis (son of Stephen, deceased), Catharine Ellis, Jane, William, Isabella, Ellen and John C. Ellis, Milton Lightner and Amos Heacock. The first officers of the church were: William Ellis, Stephen Ellis, John C. Ellis and Amos Heacock, vestrymen; William Ellis and Amos Heacock, wardens. In 1887 the officers were: Charles Reeder, William Ellis, John Caldwell, John D. Ellis, Robert Caldwell, Stephen C. Ellis, vestrymen; Charles Reeder, senior warden; Stephen C. Ellis, junior warden.

Stephen Ellis, the pioneer of the family in Montour county, was born in Ireland, and came from Londonderry, that country, to America in or about 1770. His father, who was a sea captain, when he retired from the water took up land near Baltimore, Md., but finally went back to Donegal, Ireland, where he died. Stephen Ellis assisted his cousin at Juniata, Pa., before coming to this section, and then settled permanently near Exchange, in Anthony township. Here he and his wife spent the remainder of their long lives in the vicinity in which they first located, he farming until his death, which occurred in 1845, when he was eighty-two years old. He married Eleanor Cunningham, like himself a native of Ireland, and she survived him a few years, and they were buried in the Episcopal graveyard at Exchange. They were the parents of twelve children.

Stephen Ellis, son of Stephen, above, was born May 1, 1807, in Anthony township, now in Montour county, and there passed all his life. He followed farming until his retirement, about 1876, and he passed his closing years at Exchange, dying March 17, 1889. He married Sarah Bull, who died Feb. 15, 1890, aged seventy-four years, and they had

a family of nine children, the sons being William, John and James Jefferson, of whom William, a farmer of Anthony township, is the only survivor. There are also two sisters living, Isabella, wife of Daniel Bomboy, of Anthony township, and Elizabeth Eleanor, widow of Jacob Snyder, of Anthony township.

John Bull, father of Mrs. Sarah (Bull) Ellis, was born Feb. 2, 1770, in Derbyshire, England, and came to America in 1801, locating in Elkland township, Lycoming Co., Pa. He was married there, later removing to Anthony township, in what is now Montour county, Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life, dying Nov. 5, 1855. His wife, Eleanor (Bird), was a native of Norfolk, England, came to America with her parents when about twelve years old, and died April 13, 1862.

James Jefferson Ellis was born Sept. 27, 1855, in Anthony township, Montour county, and when a boy moved to Exchange with his parents. He learned the tanner's trade at Jerseytown, Columbia county, and when twenty-five years old built a tannery at Exchange which he operated successfully until 1896. Selling out he moved to a farm near that town, and continued to follow agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred Nov. 19, 1902. Mr. Ellis served several terms as member of the school board of Anthony township, and was a well known Democrat of his section. He was reared in the Episcopal Church, in which the family has always been prominent at Exchange.

On Dec. 22, 1880, Mr. Ellis married Annie Elizabeth Bardole, and a family of nine children was born to them, viz.: Sarah Isabella, born April 10, 1882, is married to Charles Bortz, of Watsontown, and has six children, James, Grace, Mary, Anna, Dorothy and Leroy; Stephen Andrew, born Aug. 12, 1883, of Anthony township, married Ocey Neuffer and has two children, Harvey and Edith; James Jefferson, born Jan. 30, 1885, died Aug. 12, 1901; Elizabeth Eleanor, born Nov. 2, 1886, married George Snyder, of South Bend, Ind., and has three children, Albert, Irene and Carl; John William, born Oct. 12, 1888, is associated in business with his mother; Mary Catherine was born March 17, 1890; Anna Jane, born Oct. 13, 1895, operates the telephone switchboard at Exchange; Lloyd Cunningham, born March 11, 1897, and Oscar Ethelbert, born March 6, 1899, are at home.

After her husband's death Mrs. Ellis remained on the farm for a few years, looking

after its cultivation, and she then returned to Exchange, in 1910, when she opened the general mercantile store which she has since carried on. It is one of the most successful in this part of the county, and Mrs. Ellis has given ample proof of her good business qualities in its management. Her well directed efforts to keep the stock complete and to give customers satisfactory service have brought a large patronage. Her son Stephen now operates the farm. Mrs. Ellis also manages the operating office of the People's Telephone Company, whose headquarters are at Exchange, and her daughter operates the switch-board.

Mrs. Ellis was born June 17, 1864, in Anthony township, Montour county, daughter of John Jacob Bardole and granddaughter of Paul Bardole. The latter, a native of Berks county, Pa., came to Anthony township in the early days, dying at the age of seventy, in 1863. He was a lifelong farmer. His wife, Rebecca (Lutz), died in 1876, at the age of seventy-six.

John Jacob Bardole was born Oct. 28, 1828, in Columbia county, and died Jan. 18, 1910, in his eighty-second year. By trade he was a carpenter, and he followed farming in connection with that work, after his marriage settling in Anthony township, where he had his home until his death. He married Mary Leidy, who was born Jan. 14, 1832, one of the six children of Peter and Catherine (Erness) Leidy; her grandfather, Paul Leidy, was born in New Jersey, and settled in Columbia county. Mrs. Bardole died Feb. 14, 1902. She was the mother of nine children, six of whom are living: Emma J., Mrs. William Straub, of Philadelphia; Miss Mary Ellen; Catherine, Mrs. Harry Oaks, of Watsontown, Pa.; Mrs. Ellis; Cyrus, of Williamsport, Pa.; and Ellis, of Watsontown, Pennsylvania.

In 1861 Mr. Bardole enlisted in Company G, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteers, for a period of nine months. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac.

GEORGE N. OYSTER, of Derry township, the oldest living citizen of his part of Montour county, has been living at his present home since 1866, and for forty years was successfully engaged in distilling as well as farming. Mr. Oyster was born in Turbut township, Northumberland county, July 11, 1831, son of George Oyster, and grandson of John Oyster, who moved to Northumberland county from Berks county, this State. He farmed all his life, and died about 1846, at

the age of ninety-two years. His wife's maiden name was Silvers.

George Oyster, father of George N. Oyster, died in Turbut township in 1849, when fifty years old. He, too, was almost a lifelong farmer, but having met with an accident a couple of years before his death, losing part of his foot while cutting down trees, he gave up that work and went to boating on the Pennsylvania canal, which work he followed for two years. His death was caused by an abscess under his arm. He married Elizabeth Nicely, daughter of John Nicely, and they had a family of seven children: Ann, who married William Sechler, and died in South Dakota; George N.; Caroline, deceased, wife of Hiram Dye; Mary, Mrs. Billmeyer, late of Philadelphia; Porter, of Turbut township, who married Catherine Garnhart; Elizabeth, who died young; and a son that died in infancy.

George N. Oyster worked on the farm during his boyhood, and was about sixteen when his father had the accident which caused him to give up hard work, after which he farmed for eight years in Limestone township, Montour county. Meantime, at the age of eighteen, he began to learn the trade of tanning, and he also drove horses for two years on the canal, carrying merchandise to Philadelphia and Baltimore. He recollects seeing a number of men who served in the Mexican war from this section returning by way of the canal. In 1866 he bought the farm property in Derry township, Montour county, where he has ever since lived, and which he cultivated until his retirement. The same year he built his first distillery in Derry township (one had been opened there before), and later built a new still, and he ran the business for forty years, delivering his product by team; it was all sold in the vicinity. Before the tax was put on whisky it sold for from seven to eight dollars a barrel. Mr. Oyster continued the distillery business until 1906, when he sold part of the stock and plant and destroyed the balance. For a few years longer he continued farming, retiring in 1910. Mr. Oyster has always attended strictly to his business affairs, which prospered steadily under his careful and capable management, and he takes no part in public matters, never desiring office or similar honors. However, he has been a faithful member of the Democratic party, which he has served well by promoting its interests in his locality. He is a member of the Lutheran Church at Washingtonville. Mr. Oyster is considered one of the most sub-

stantial residents of the township, where his steady industry and thrift won him the respect of all who know him.

On Jan. 12, 1854, Mr. Oyster married Elizabeth Cotner, daughter of Conrad and Mary Ann (Dye) Cotner, both of whom died Feb. 22, 1892, he in the morning, she in the evening. They were buried in the same grave. Mrs. Oyster died May 30, 1903, aged sixty-eight years. She was the mother of seven children, viz.: Eva died in infancy; Laura is the wife of Henry A. Beyer, of Missouri, and has nine children, five of whom are married; William was drowned when nine years old; John, who lives in Nebraska, married Alice Gilbert and has three sons and two daughters; Catherine died unmarried; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of A. L. Dye; Edward is farming the homestead. The last named married Nora Bell Moser, and they have three children, Ord (born April 18, 1895, a graduate of the Derry township high school), Robert C. (born July 17, 1905), and Gladys Maxine (born July 31, 1911). The Mosers came from Berks county, and Aaron Moser, Mrs. Oyster's father, was formerly for twenty years proprietor of the "Eagle Hotel" at Washingtonville; he married Mary Steiner, who is now sixty-six years old.

Mr. Oyster is the grandfather of twenty-four children.

**WILLIAM JAMES HARRIS**, who has been a resident of Berwick since his sixth year and is now accounted one of the substantial citizens of that place, was born April 26, 1874, at Swansea, Wales, son of Levi and Mary (Davis) Harris.

Levi Harris was born in 1853 in Wales, where he early adopted the calling of ironworker. He was industrious and energetic and was not satisfied with the opportunities of his native land, so, hoping that he could find better conditions in America, he emigrated to this country in 1878, his family following two years later. He secured employment at Berwick, Pa., with the Jackson & Woodin Company, as a puddler, and this position he continued to hold until the time of his retirement. His death occurred in March, 1902, when he was but forty-nine years of age. Mr. Harris was married to Mary Davis, also a native of Wales, born at Pontypridd, and they became the parents of two children, namely: John Charles, who married Harriet Young, and is now a resident of Newark, N. J.; and William James.

John Davis, a brother of Mrs. Mary (Davis)

Harris, was for a number of years a successful business man in Wales, conducting a large tailoring establishment at Grinville.

William James Harris was a child when he came to the United States to join his father, and his early education was secured in the Market street school at Berwick, following which he attended the Berwick high school. He found his first employment in the rolling mill in that city, but he felt the need of still further education, and accordingly took private lessons in a business course under Archibald Dickinson, at night, while pursuing his duties at the rolling mill during the day. It was in 1889 that Mr. Harris entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Company, securing the position of shipping clerk in the rolling mill, and following this became bookkeeper in the rolling mill office of the American Car & Foundry Company, his business course having thoroughly fitted him for work of this nature. Faithful service and capability have won Mr. Harris consecutive promotions, and at the present time he holds the responsible position of purchasing agent in the Berwick district of the concern. He married Bertha Shoemaker, the daughter of William and Frances (Ebert) Shoemaker, of Bloomsburg, Columbia county.

Mr. Harris is a Republican in his political views and for some years has taken an interest in public affairs at Berwick. His public-spirited and helpful citizenship has won the confidence of his fellow townsmen, and at the present time he is ably discharging the duties of the office of town auditor. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Malta, at Berwick, in which organization he has numerous friends. Mr. Harris is a Baptist in religious connection and has been active in church affairs, serving at various times as deacon and member of the board of church trustees. Mrs. Harris is a Methodist and, like her husband, has been active in church matters, belonging to and being a helpful worker in the Ladies' Aid Society and the Home Missionary Society.

William Shoemaker, the father of Mrs. Harris, was born in Greenwood township, Columbia Co., Pa., May 31, 1844. Educated in the public schools, he learned the trade of wheelwright under his father, and as a young man moved to Bloomsburg and secured employment with John K. Lockard & Company. Following this he came to Berwick and was made a patternmaker for the American Car & Foundry Company, by whom he is still employed. He and his wife live with their daugh-



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ter and son-in-law on East Front street, Berwick.

Mr. Shoemaker married Frances Ebert, daughter of Samuel and Mary (Harris) Ebert, and two children were born to this union: Michael Ellsworth, born in 1871, who died and is buried in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg; and Bertha, who became Mrs. Harris. Mr. Shoemaker is a Republican in his political views, but though he has taken a good citizen's interest in matters of a public nature, he has never been a seeker after personal preferment. In his religious belief he is a Methodist, and Mrs. Shoemaker also subscribes to the same faith. His fraternal connection is with Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg.

BENJAMIN F. FOULK, patternmaker in the employ of the Danville Foundry & Machine Company, was born June 10, 1845, at Exchange, Anthony township, which was then included in Columbia county, Pa., of an ancient and honorable pioneer family of Berks county.

John Foulk, his grandfather, was born in Berks county, and was a miller by trade. Coming to Bloomsburg he operated a gristmill near there for a short time. He sold out the mill and removed to Exchange, where he bought another gristmill, which he carried on during the grinding season for a number of years. Later he bought a farm of 150 acres and followed general farming until his retirement, after which his son Joshua ran the farm, and Reuben and Solomon Geise ran the gristmill. Mr. Foulk was a veteran of the war of 1812, having enlisted from Berks county. He was a member of the German Reformed Church. He died in 1859, at the age of eighty-nine, his wife at the age of eighty-seven, and they are buried in Union graveyard, at Turbotville, Northumberland county. Their children were: Joshua, who married Mary Troxell; Caroline, wife of Solomon Geise; Lydia, wife of Joseph Geise; a daughter, Mrs. Shuman; Catherine, Mrs. Knoebel; and Reuben.

Reuben Foulk was born in December, 1810, in Berks county, and educated in the German and English schools. He came to Bloomsburg with his parents, and when he left home clerked for a storekeeper at Buckhorn, Columbia county, a number of years. There he married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert and Sarah (Miller) Russell, and their children were: Robert, Sarah, Martha and Amelia, who died in childhood; two who died in infancy unnamed; John Clinton, deceased, who

married Jane Bomboy, and (second) Mary Glaze; and Benjamin F.

When his father came to Exchange Reuben Foulk assisted him at the gristmill, and later bought a mill of his own, which he operated until 1852. He then moved to Columbia county and lived on his father's farm until 1857, when he bought a tract of ninety acres. He lived on this place until 1867, and then sold it and moved to Turbotville, Northumberland county, buying a farm of sixty-one acres which he operated until his retirement, in 1880. His son John Clinton then took it over. Mr. Foulk was a member of the State militia, a Democrat, and held the offices of supervisor, school director and overseer of the poor. He was a member of the German Lutheran Church, and held all the offices in that body. He died in 1887, at the age of seventy-seven, and his wife died in 1890, at the age of seventy-three. Both are buried in the Union cemetery at Turbotville.

Benjamin F. Foulk attended the schools of Columbia county and one year at Turbotville Academy, of which Cornelius A. Reimensnyder was principal. When he was sixteen years of age he left school, and worked on his father's farm until his nineteenth year. Going then to Pittsburgh, he took a business course in the Iron City Commercial College, and after graduation worked for three months in the cork and bung factory there. But a natural aptitude for mechanics caused him to enter the millwright's trade, and he served an apprenticeship in the State of Michigan, working in Constantine, Three Rivers and White Pigeon. Returning to Turbotville, he worked at his trade for a time and then married and moved to Buckhorn, remaining there for a year, and thence going to Danville in 1871. There he worked for the National Iron Company as patternmaker for fourteen months, and afterward did miscellaneous jobs, assisting in the building of the Danville Opera House. Finally he entered the employ of the Cruikshank & Meyer Company, in their Enterprise Foundry, as foreman of the pattern shop. When the Mahoning Rolling Mill Company absorbed the foundry he still retained his position, and when that company was in turn merged into the Danville Foundry & Machine Company he continued to be foreman until 1908, when his son Charles L. became foreman, and later was made a member of the firm; another son, Arthur, was made foreman.

Mr. Foulk married Margaret C. Bomboy July 3, 1869, and their union was blessed with

the following children: Charles Leonard, born May 21, 1870, married Mary A. Miller, of Danville; Clinton Leroy, born Sept. 15, 1871, married Catherine Freas, and is living in Williamsport; Fannie, born May 5, 1873, died at the age of twenty-one years; Arthur, born May 4, 1876, married Mary Toy, of Danville; Sarah Elizabeth, born May 2, 1878, married Joseph Gerringer, and lives at home; Ralph, born May 9, 1890, married Caroline Trumbower; Olive Belle, born Aug. 7, 1883, married Walter Marshall, of Danville; Jennie R., born Aug. 17, 1885, married Dan Bert McClure, of Danville. Mr. Foulk is a Democrat, but has Progressive leanings. He has served as school director of the Third ward for three terms, as judge of election, county auditor, and was a member of the board of health for two years. His family attend the German Reformed Church.

Mrs. Margaret C. (Bomboy) Foulk was born Nov. 16, 1844, near Buckhorn, in Hemlock township, Columbia county, and when two years old was brought by her parents to Bloomsburg. There she attended the public schools until the age of eighteen, when her family returned to Hemlock township. She resided at home there until her marriage. She is a faithful member of Shiloh Reformed Church at Danville, was formerly a teacher in the Sunday school, and is now treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Henry Bomboy, grandfather of Mrs. Foulk, resided in Hemlock township, where he farmed and raised his family. His wife having died, he moved to Muncy, Lycoming Co., Pa., where he married again, and then returned to Bloomsburg about the second year of the Civil war. He remained in Bloomsburg about a year and then returned to Hemlock township, to spend the remainder of his days with his son Benjamin. His children by his first wife were: Reuben, who married Isabella Bomboy; Nathan, who was twice married; Jacob, who died unmarried; Isabella; Hannah, wife of Robert Hagenbuch; Benjamin, father of Mrs. Foulk; and Phoebe, wife of Isaac Johnson. By the second marriage there was one child, George. Mr. Bomboy was a Democrat. He and his first wife are buried in the old Union churchyard at Bloomsburg, while his second wife is buried near Muncy.

Benjamin Bomboy was educated in the schools of Hemlock township, learned the trade of carpenter, and followed it until fifteen years before his death. He then bought 110 acres in Hemlock township, ten acres of which was in timber, and carried on farming

until his death, which occurred March 19, 1884, at the age of sixty-five years. He married Sarah Wagner, who was born May 18, 1821, and died at the age of ninety-one years. Their children were: Amelia, born Oct. 28, 1842, married Austin Correll, of Buckhorn; Margaret C. is the wife of Benjamin F. Foulk; Leonard R., born Jan. 14, 1846, married Jane Betz, of Bloomsburg; Phoebe, born April 20, 1849, married Norman Sheep, and died in October, 1871; Hannah, born Aug. 28, 1853, married Isaiah Hartman, of Williamsport; Franklin J., born Jan. 15, 1856, married Clara Hartman of Bloomsburg; William G., born June 18, 1859, married Ellen Foulk, from Dutch Hill, Columbia county, and died April 24, 1902. Mr. Bomboy was a Democrat but not active in politics. Both he and his wife were members of the German Reformed Church at Bloomsburg, in which he served as deacon, and both of them were earnest workers in the cause of Christianity. They are buried in the Dutch Hill Reformed churchyard in Madison township, Columbia county.

ULYSSES R. ADAMS, who is engaged in general farming near Exchange, in Anthony township, Montour county, belongs to a family which was established there by his great-grandfather, Thomas Adams, and has been represented in the township continuously since. The latter came into this region in pioneer days, and settled near Danville. He farmed a large tract of land, between three hundred and four hundred acres, which he divided among his three sons, Thomas, William and John.

Thomas Adams, son of Thomas, above, came to what is now Montour county with his parents, and after his marriage settled on his share of his father's property, the place where his son Benjamin F. afterward settled. Thomas Adams married Mary McGonigle, and they had a family of eleven children: Margaret J.; Hannah N.; Samuel and Benjamin F., of Anthony township; Mary E., Mrs. Peter Moyer, of Kylertown; John, deceased, of Houtzdale, Clearfield county; Sarah, Mrs. Henry Soserman, deceased, of White Deer Mills, Union county; Capt. W. A., at Lock Haven, Center county; Susan A., Mrs. John Brittain, of Muncy, Lycoming county; Thomas and Daniel, of Mercer county, Ill. The father died Nov. 26, 1846, and the mother survived until June 18, 1874. Both are buried in Derry churchyard.

Benjamin F. Adams was born April 14, 1842, in what is known as Fox Hollow, in An-

thony township, and was reared to farming, which has been the principal business of his life, though during his earlier manhood he followed various pursuits. After his marriage he lived at his father-in-law's for a year, teaching school one term at Vandine and one term at Ball's schoolhouse, and then removed to beyond Hughesville, where he also lived for a year, railroading on the Philadelphia & Erie road. Thence he removed to the other side of Hughesville, where he resided for three years, farming for Peter Reader, and in 1875 he removed from that location to the farm in Anthony township formerly owned and occupied by his parents, and which came into his possession in 1875. He still owns it, though he is not residing there now. The property comprises 163 acres near Exchange, and Mr. Adams engaged profitably in farming, being one of the prosperous agriculturists of his township. He served his fellow citizens as tax collector from the spring of 1886 continuously until 1895, giving the utmost satisfaction to all concerned, for he is a man of the highest integrity and thoroughly reliable in business matters. In politics he is a Democrat, and belongs to Moreland Grange, No. 775, P. O. H., of which his wife was also a member.

In 1868 Mr. Adams married Elizabeth Caroline Renn, born Jan. 30, 1846, a native of Lycoming county, Pa., daughter of Barnard and Catherine (Focht) Renn, the latter of whom died July 10, 1883. Mrs. Adams died Nov. 9, 1912, at the age of sixty-six years. She was the mother of eight children, of whom seven lived to maturity: Ulysses Renn; John Brittain, deceased; Catherine Mary, wife of Thomas Fought; Timothy Oliver, who is in Illinois; Daniel McGonigle, in North Dakota; Estella Blanch, wife of Myron Van Lewen, of Pittsburgh; Ora Mabel, of Pittsburgh; and William P., of Dubois, Pennsylvania.

Ulysses R. Adams was born June 13, 1870, in Moreland township, Lycoming Co., Pa., and was reared at the family home in Anthony township. After school he farmed for his grandfather until twenty years old, subsequently farming for himself at Strawberry Ridge one year. For the three years following he farmed the John A. Ellis place in Anthony township, and then he married and settled on his present place in that township. He is one of the successful farmers of the township, and by his upright as well as prosperous career has gained the respect of all his fellow citizens. He has devoted practically all his time to his work, taking little active part in other affairs. He has served as judge of elec-

tion in his district, and is thoroughly interested in the prosperity of the Democratic party.

In 1896 Mr. Adams married Mary Brown, who was born Sept. 27, 1877, near Danville, daughter of Mason and Clara (Gilger) Brown, deceased, who had four children, only two now living, Mrs. Adams and Ella J., the latter married to Edward Bush. Both were reared by foster parents, Mrs. Adams being brought up in the home of James L. Brannen, of Exchange, from the time she was six years old, and living there until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have had seven children: James Brannen, born Oct. 11, 1896; Benjamin Franklin, Sept. 19, 1897 (died Sept. 4, 1898); John R., April 8, 1900; Daniel O., July 26, 1905; Vincent A., Aug. 31, 1907; William Franklin, Oct. 11, 1910; Ulysses Grant, March 6, 1914. The family have been reared in the faith of the Catholic Church, and they are members of St. James' Church, at Exchange.

JOHN SHALTER, now living retired in Limestone township, Montour county, has been a resident there for over thirty years, and in his active days was engaged as a farmer and carpenter. The Shalter family has long been settled in Pennsylvania, and his father, Jacob Shalter, lived for a number of years in Berks county, he and his wife Henrietta (Goetz) moving thence in 1854 to Turbut township, Northumberland county. By occupation he was a farmer. He was born Jan. 5, 1813, and died Aug. 20, 1861. His wife, born June 1, 1818, died May 11, 1888.

John Shalter was born March 25, 1837, near Reading, Berks county, where he was reared, and removed with the family to Northumberland county. He learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed, and also worked at the lumber business. In 1868 he settled in Turbut township, Northumberland county, where he made his home for a period of fifteen years, in 1883 removing to Limestone township, Montour county, where he continued to engage in carpenter work, later also operating a chop mill and cider press, until 1897. He is now living retired, making his home with his son Edmond.

In August, 1862, Mr. Shalter married Sarah Ann Hoffa, who was born Jan. 2, 1836, in Turbut township, Northumberland county, and died Nov. 4, 1907. She was the mother of three children, of whom Harry, born April 13, 1873, died Nov. 4, 1890; Anna May, born Sept. 10, 1867, is the wife of E. F. Ballet, of Limestoneville, and they have four



children, J. Sidney, Ralph E., Sarah and Catherine.

The Hoffa family, to which Mrs. Sarah Ann (Hoffa) Shalter belongs, is of German origin, and well known in Montour county. She was a granddaughter of Henry Hoffa, at one time sheriff of Berks county, Pennsylvania.

Michael Follmer, great-grandfather of Mrs. Sarah Ann (Hoffa) Shalter on her mother's side, was one of the first settlers in what is now Montour county, coming to Limestone township in 1768; he was one of the first three white men in Pleasant Valley. John Follmer, son of Michael, married Sarah Ann Bower, and their daughter Rachel (Regina) became the wife of Jacob Hoffa and the mother of Mrs. Sarah Ann Shalter.

Jacob Hoffa, father of Mrs. Shalter, was born May 20, 1800. When a boy he went to live in Northumberland county, and he learned the carpenter's trade under John Deeter, of Chillisquaque, that county, and followed it many years, in time becoming an extensive contractor. He had an active business career covering fifty-seven years, during which he also engaged in farming, his wife having inherited a large landed estate from her father. For over twenty years he was interested in the manufacture of lumber on a large scale, having purchased extensive timber tracts in Clinton and Lycoming counties, Pa., where he erected sawmills and did a profitable business. He amassed what was a large fortune in his day. As above stated, he married Regina (she was baptized Regina, but called Rachel) Follmer, and we have the following record of their children who grew to maturity: John lived in Turbut township, Northumberland county; Samuel F. was a resident of Milton, that county; Sarah Ann married John Shalter; Cyrus lived at Lewisburg, Union county; Reuben lived at Reading, Pa. The father died May 15, 1882, being buried on his eighty-second birthday; the mother died Aug. 26, 1867, aged sixty-three years.

EDMOND H. SHALTER, son of John Shalter, was born Dec. 27, 1863, at Reading, Pa. From the age of seven he has been totally blind, nevertheless he attended the home schools regularly until eleven years old, when he entered the Pennsylvania School for the Blind, at that time located in Philadelphia; it is now at Overbrook, Pa. He remained in that institution for seven years, when he rejoined his parents at Limestoneville, and has since made his home there. He learned carpet weaving, cane seating and broom making, and has always followed such work, his in-

dustry and capability enabling him to accomplish much.

On Jan. 14, 1897, Mr. Shalter married Mary Alice Phillips, who was born Sept. 11, 1868, in Lewis township, Northumberland county, daughter of Daniel and Rachel (Derr) Phillips, farming people of Berks county, the former born Oct. 28, 1839, the latter March 28, 1837, died March 13, 1913. Adam Phillips, grandfather of Mrs. Shalter, came from Berks county in 1846; he married Mary Wertman, of Northumberland county. The great-grandparents were Jacob and Sarah (Barnhart) Phillips, natives of Wurtemberg, Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Shalter have had one child, Nellie Regina, who was born April 9, 1898, has graduated from grammar school and is now a student in the Milton high school. Mr. Shalter was reared in the Lutheran Church, to which he and his family belong.

CYRUS F. STYER, a highly respected citizen and retired farmer of West Hemlock township, Montour county, was born Feb. 25, 1843, in the same township, son of Cornelius Tyson Styer. He is a grandson of Leonard Steger (the last to use the German spelling of the name), a great-grandson of Jacob Steger, and great-great-grandson of John Stephen Steger, whose parents, John Nicholas and Catherine Steger, never came to America, living and dying in Germany. They had six children: Catherine, born in 1686; John Stephen, born in 1688; Maria, born in 1694; Catherine (2), born in 1697; Michael, born in 1701; and Peter, born in 1705.

John Stephen Steger, who went by the name of Stephen, the great-great-grandfather of Cyrus F. Styer, was born in Germany in 1688, and was the first of the family to come to America. He selected a home in the United States, settling near Germantown, Pa., in what was then Worcester township, now included in Montgomery county. In old family papers mention is made of his neighbors, the Kayer and Rittenhouse families. To John Stephen Steger and his wife Gertrude the following children were born: Edwina, born in 1712; Anna, born in 1715; Nicholas, born in 1717; Jacob; Stephen, born in 1720; Daniel, born in 1723; and Gertrude, born in 1729.

Jacob Steger, the great-grandfather of Cyrus F. Styer, was born in Worcester township, Montgomery Co., Pa., in 1719, and died March 13, 1777. After the death of his father he bought the interests of his brothers and sisters in the old homestead. He was a religious man and gave a portion of his farm

to be used as a church site. In 1768 he moved to Whitpain township, in the same county, and there spent his remaining days. In 1746 he married Christianna Spare, and they had the following children: Susanna, born in 1747; Stephen, born in 1750, who married Dorothy Ellis; Mary, born in 1753; Henry, born in 1755; John, born in 1758, who married Tacy Conrad; Jacob, born in 1762; David, born in 1765, who married Elizabeth Gregar; and Leonard, born in 1768.

Leonard Steger, grandfather of Cyrus F. Styer, was born in Whitpain township, Montgomery Co., Pa., March 18, 1768, and there became a farmer. In young manhood he moved to Newport township, Luzerne Co., Pa., with his wife, and they died there, and are buried in Pine Grove cemetery, at Berwick, Pa. He married in Montgomery county Mary Tyson, born April 18, 1776, and they had the following children: Elizabeth, who married John Hoffman; David, who lived at Burlington, N. J.; Joseph, who settled at Bucyrus, Ohio; Henry, who lived at Towanda, Pa.; Cornelius Tyson; and George W., who married Catherine Hartman and (second) Rebecca Arnwine.

Cornelius Tyson Styer, father of Cyrus Fairchild Styer, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., Sept. 18, 1807, and was eight years old when the family moved to Luzerne county, and he grew up in Newport township, about one mile from Lily Pond. He worked as a farmer there until after his marriage and the birth of his first child, when he moved to West Hemlock township, in what is now Montour county, settling on his tract of 150 acres of land, which he had bought previously. In the cultivation and improvement of this property he spent the remainder of his life. He was a man of sound principles and good judgment, and was the first school director elected when the public school system was installed in Newport township. In politics a Whig, he later became a Republican, and served as overseer of the poor and as supervisor. He was an earnest member of the Columbia Presbyterian Church in West Hemlock township and at different times held all the church offices. His death occurred March 20, 1872, and he was buried in the Columbia Presbyterian graveyard in West Hemlock township.

Cornelius Tyson Styer was married in Newport township to Rosanna Fairchild, who was born May 21, 1815, and died May 26, 1892, a daughter of Solomon and Elizabeth (Lutzy) Fairchild. They had seven children: Ezra Leonard, born April 14, 1835, died Feb. 14,

1882; Tacy Elizabeth, born March 25, 1837, married Sylvester B. Flick; Mary, born June 29, 1839, died Jan. 6, 1881, the wife of Jacob Karns; Cyrus F. is mentioned below; Emily, born Nov. 19, 1846, died Dec. 28, 1866; Ellen, born Dec. 19, 1850, is the widow of Joseph Crim; and Anna Martha, born Nov. 8, 1853, died Dec. 3, 1900, the wife of Arthur Spear, of Centre township, Columbia county.

Cyrus Fairchild Styer attended the Styer school in West Hemlock township and later the Millville Academy, where he continued his studies until he was twenty years old. While assisting during the summers on his father's farm, for eight winters he taught school, one term at White Hall, in Madison township; one term at the Bright schoolhouse, in Valley township; and six terms in the Styer school in West Hemlock township. In the spring of 1866 he went to Shannon county, Mo., where he took up 320 acres of land—two quarter sections—and engaged in general farming for four years, after which he returned to the old homestead, on which he has remained ever since. When his father died he bought the farm of 150 acres, three acres of which he has sold, and cultivates all of his 147 acres with the exception of thirty-five acres still in timber. Until recently Mr. Styer has carried on his industries personally, but now the farm operations (since his retirement) are in the capable hands of his youngest son, Charles Cornelius Styer.

During the Civil war Mr. Styer saw six weeks of military service. He was a member of Company A, 13th Regiment Pennsylvania Militia, under command of Capt. John A. Winner. In 1863 this company was called out to repel the invasion of Pennsylvania by the Confederates. The regiment was made up of companies from different parts of the State, two companies going from Danville; some men were from Philadelphia, but none were enlisted in the United States service, although they participated in the battle of Antietam as bravely as veterans and in that battle some were killed. The regiment went from Carlisle to Hagerstown, reaching there on the evening of the day on which the enemy had left, in the morning. After the battle of Antietam the regiment went to Chambersburg and remained a few days, and then the soldiers dispersed to their homes.

In his political views Mr. Styer is a Prohibitionist and with pleasure sees the great wave of temperance sentiment now surging over the country. For fifteen years he served as a justice of the peace, being then succeeded

by Daniel Crossley. He is an elder and trustee of the Columbia Presbyterian Church and is a teacher in the Sunday school, of which he has been superintendent.

On Sept. 23, 1873, Mr. Styer was married to Harriet L. Brugler, who was a daughter of Samuel and Jane (Everett) Brugler, and had excellent educational advantages, attending the Doll school in Hemlock township and later Professor Kelso's school at Danville. Mrs. Styer died May 19, 1914, and is buried in Columbia cemetery in West Hemlock township. Mr. and Mrs. Styer had the following children: George Rufus, born Jan. 2, 1877, married Sarah B. Deighmiller, and is a resident of Berwick, Pa.; Peter Brugler, who was born June 13, 1878, is in Washington State; Samuel Tyson, now of Philadelphia, born March 3, 1880, married Nellie Ohl, and they had two children, Martha and Cyrus Eli, both deceased; Paul Jones, who was born June 29, 1885, married Margaret Moore, and lives in Medina county, Ohio; Charles Cornelius, born Dec. 16, 1888, married Emily Crossley.

The original settler of the Fairchild family to come to America was John Fairchild, who emigrated from England and settled in Connecticut. After the Wyoming massacre, in 1778, four brothers and one sister, Abram, Peter, John, Solomon and Mary, probably children of John, moved to Luzerne county, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Rosanna (Fairchild) Styer, mother of Cyrus F. Styer, was born at Nanticoke, Luzerne Co., Pa., daughter of Solomon Fairchild, who was born at Nanticoke Oct. 17, 1788, and died Sept. 16, 1857. He was a farmer all his life in Luzerne county, and owned 325 acres of land, his home tract containing 125 acres. He married Elizabeth Lutz, and they had children: Mary, Anna, Margaret, John, Rosanna, William, Elizabeth, Priscilla, Solomon, Isabel, Martha, Emily and Abram. The parents were buried in the Presbyterian graveyard near Nanticoke.

Harriet L. (Brugler) Styer, wife of Cyrus F. Styer, was born in Hemlock township, Columbia county, March 6, 1845, a daughter of Samuel Brugler and a granddaughter of Peter Brugler.

Peter Brugler was a soldier in the Revolutionary war. He was married in New Jersey and had two children when he moved to Chillisquaque, Pa., in 1788, where he cleared a tract of land, later on account of poor health moving first to near Jerseytown and then to Frosty Valley, in Columbia county, where he

died. He was a hunter as well as farmer and in spite of ill health lived to the age of ninety years, dying Dec. 5, 1843. His wife died March 4, 1852, aged eighty-six years. They had children as follows: Mary, born Aug. 15, 1785, married William White; Samuel was born July 29, 1787; Sarah was born March 21, 1790; Catherine, born Oct. 10, 1792, married John Snyder, of Burdett, N. Y.; John, born March 21, 1795, married Mary Kinney; Elizabeth was born Nov. 8, 1798; Anna, born Aug. 20, 1801, married Aaron Blue. Both parents were members of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics Peter Brugler was a Democrat. They were buried in the Columbia cemetery in West Hemlock township.

Samuel Brugler, father of Mrs. Styer, attended the country schools in Columbia county when opportunity offered and grew up on the farm, and also developed great aptness in the use of tools. He constructed many of the implements used on the farm and even made threshing machines and cider presses. In 1820 he located on a tract of 200 acres in West Hemlock township, a part of which he cleared, and on this place built a fine residence and barn. Like his father he was a Democrat in politics, and for a long time he served in the office of school director.

Samuel Brugler was married to Jane Everett, born in 1806, died September 8, 1870, a daughter of James and Isabella (Moore) Everett, and they had a family of ten children: Sarah Ann, born Sept. 27, 1828, is the widow of William C. Young; Isabella Jane, born Dec. 2, 1830, died November 5, 1854; Mary Elizabeth, born July 19, 1832, died March 4, 1851; Lucy Wintersteen, born Sept. 2, 1834, died July 2, 1857; Peter Snyder, born Aug. 15, 1837, married Christianna Everett, and died March 30, 1913; James Everett, born Feb. 10, 1840, died Dec. 25, 1861; Lydia Catherine, born Oct. 28, 1841, is the widow of Rev. John Thomas, and lives at Coolidge, Kans.; John Hudson, born Aug. 16, 1843, married a Morgan; Harriet L. is the wife of Cyrus F. Styer; Martha Matilda, born Sept. 10, 1847, died July 24, 1869. The parents of this family were members of the Columbia Presbyterian Church, where they are buried. The father died March 9, 1868.

REUBEN BOYER, of Danville, Pa., a plasterer by trade, was born March 10, 1849, near Salem, in Penn township, Snyder county, this State, and educated in the public schools of that section. He worked on a farm until the age of nineteen and then went to Dan-

ville to learn the trade of plasterer, with his brother Franklin. After completing his apprenticeship he formed partnerships successively with Jesse Klose, a Mr. Kramer and a Mr. Baker. He then went to work as a journeyman in Wilkes-Barre, and has been so engaged from 1904 until the present time. He is a Republican, and member of the council of Danville from the Second ward.

Mr. Boyer married Serena, daughter of Jacob C. and Sarah A. (Rauch) Walter, and they have had children as follows: Anna Sarah, born July 21, 1874, died at the age of seventeen years; Edna May, born May 17, 1877, died when seventeen months old; Dr. Walter Ernest, born Feb. 9, 1879, married Elizabeth Shannon, and practices medicine in Williamsport; Ruth Mabel, born Jan. 29, 1882, is the wife of Adam Wagner, and they have two children, Guy Boyer, born Aug. 8, 1909, and James Wilson, born Nov. 30, 1913.

Mr. Boyer is a past chancellor of Beaver Lodge, No. 132, K. of P., and has been vestryman for twenty years of Trinity Lutheran Church, Danville, as well as superintendent of the Sunday school.

Jacob Boyer, father of Reuben, was born in November, 1803, in Penn township, Snyder county, and was a son of George Boyer, one of the pioneers of the county. He attended school in the winter and worked on the farm in the summer, until he attained manhood. He then bought a farm of sixty acres, built a home on it, and cultivated that place until he was sixty-eight years of age. After that time and the death of his wife he lived until his own death with his daughter Catherine. He married Mary Aurand, born March 9, 1809, daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Aurand, and they had these children: Reuben; Samuel, who married Ann Gemberling and lives at Selinsgrove; Franklin, who married Catherine Boyer, both now deceased; Henry, deceased, who married Sarah Luck; Catherine, wife of Jonathan W. Rowe, both deceased; Caroline, wife of Adam Fisher, both deceased; Hannah, wife of George Rowe, both deceased; and Sophia, wife of Daniel Boyer, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Boyer was an active member of the Lutheran Church, of which he was deacon. He died in 1890 at the age of eighty-seven, and his wife died at the age of fifty-nine years. Both are buried in the Salem Lutheran churchyard.

Serena Walter, wife of Reuben Boyer, was born Dec. 31, 1851, near Middleburg, Snyder county, a daughter of Jacob C. Walter and granddaughter of Christian Walter. Jacob

Walter, her great-grandfather, was born Jan. 15, 1729, in the kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany, and he married Maria Kauffman on July 24, 1757. His parents were very poor and he had a hard struggle to support himself. He learned the tailor's trade, at which he labored long hours to keep his family in the bare necessities of life. Having heard that there were millions of acres in America to be had for a small sum, and needing only the touch of the plow to bring forth abundant harvests, he sold all his effects and managed to get together enough to carry them to the promised land. On the voyage over one of the children died and they had to bury it at sea. They landed in Philadelphia and proceeded to Lancaster county, Pa., but later moved to Snyder county, where he secured a large acreage under the homestead laws. He first lived in a tent while building his log home and barn, and then commenced to clear the land for cultivation. Twelve sons and two daughters came to bless the home, and with the aid of these many hands the father did well. He erected the first linseed mill, for the manufacture of oil, in his part of the State. His was a busy household. They cut down the forest trees, cleared the land, burned the brush, cultivated the soil, raised and harvested the flax and seed, expressed the oil and wove the fibre into garments. The father utilized his spare time in making the then fashionable buckskin pantaloons for the pioneers in the surrounding territory. By this community system of labor the family in time became wealthy. When the father made the trip to Reading to pay off the last lien held against his property, being a God-fearing man he decided to celebrate his safe journey through the country infested by the hostile redskins by purchasing a Bible for each of his ten living sons. He paid the price of ten dollars apiece for the books, but it was a good investment, for besides giving them a course whereby to guide their way through the evils of life the books were a source of instruction in reading and spelling, the textbooks of the time being greatly limited in number and quality.

One of the perils of the time in which Jacob Walter lived was the danger of aggressions from the wandering tribes of Indians that roamed the forests. Once when he had been warned of an incursion of the Redmen he decided to try to harvest his crops, which were in ripening condition. Posting some of his sons at vantage points to watch for the savages, he and the others garnered the

grain without interference. Upon the return of the neighbors, who had fled at the first report of the raid, he was accused of having conspired with the Indians, as he had not been molested or his crops destroyed. He soon convinced the neighbors of his innocence and ascribed his safety to his unswerving faith in the Creator. He was always a staunch member of the Lutheran Church.

We have the following record of the children of Jacob Walter by his marriage to Maria Kauffman: David, who married Susanna Everhart; John and Joseph, who married the Kern sisters; Philip, who married a Bowersox; Henry, a Miss Mertz; Jeremiah, a Miss Price; Christian, a Miss Swartz; Jacob, a Miss Laurer; Michael, a Miss Rarick; Elizabeth, the wife of Daniel Hassinger; and Mary, Mrs. Straub. The father gave them a farm apiece upon the marriage of each child. Jacob Walter, Mr. Hassinger and Mr. Maurer were the committee which had charge of the building of a log church upon the site of what is now the store of the Hassinger-Church-Snyder Company. Mr. Walter spent his last years with his son Christian, who inherited the homestead. He died Jan. 23, 1803, and is buried in the Hassinger cemetery.

Christian Walter inherited the homestead and continued to farm like his father before him. To him and his wife, whose maiden name was Swartz, were born children as follows: Christian; John; Jacob C.; Isaac; Catherine; Sophia; Judith, wife of Benjamin Mittenmeyer; Mary, wife of Aaron Stetler; Amelia; and Malinda, wife of Jacob A. Smith. The father died in 1834, and is buried in the Hassinger cemetery. The mother is buried at Middleburg, Snyder county.

Jacob C. Walter, father of Mrs. Reuben Boyer, attended the county schools and worked on the farm with his father until the latter's death. He then left home and took up the trade of mason, following that occupation for several years, until his brother divided the home farm, when he took the southern part, now occupied by his son Ira. On Dec. 13, 1849, he married Sarah Rauch, born Aug. 2, 1826, daughter of John and Catherine (Heilman) Rauch, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. P. Shindel. By this union there were thirteen children, three of whom now survive: Serena, mentioned above; Ira R., born Dec. 11, 1854, married to Emma Diehl; and Adelia Maria, born April 10, 1853, married to William Dreibelbiss, of Mount Carmel, Pennsylvania.

Jacob C. Walter was baptized by Rev. Con-

rad Walter into the Lutheran Church, and in his after life became very active in the financial affairs of the church, assisting in the erection of a new edifice. The night before his death he was elected an elder. He was an active Democrat. Four years before his death he moved to Swineford, Franklin township. He was the originator of the Walter family reunions, the first of which was held in 1891. He died Feb. 10, 1897, while on his way to visit a sick friend, Jacob Steininger. He and his wife are buried in the cemetery at Middleburg.

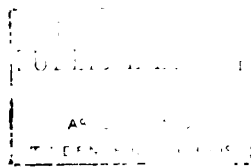
THOMAS EMMET HYDE, of Bloomsburg, Pa., proprietor of "Edgemont Farm," was born Dec. 2, 1865, in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is a son of Joseph Hyde and grandson of Joseph Hyde, and the family is of English origin.

Joseph Hyde, the grandfather, came to America from London, England, in 1830, and settled in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he operated a carpet and woolen goods factory. In 1840 he took a prize for his woolen carpets. In 1850 he moved to Wurtemburg, Pa., where he carried on the carpet business until his death, 1865. He married Eliza Winter, daughter of Rev. John Winter, of Beaver, Pa., and they had children as follows: John W., born in 1832, married Sarah White and resides in Mahoningtown, Pa.; Joseph, born in 1836, married Christine Lievendorfer (he is buried in Oakwood cemetery, at Sharon, Pa., and his widow lives in Sharon); Thomas W., born in 1845, married Martha Aiken, and is buried in Oakwood cemetery, Sharon. Mr. Hyde was a Baptist and was very active in the church at Wurtemburg, of which he was deacon.

Joseph Hyde, father of Thomas E. Hyde, was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1836, and gained his education in the schools of that city and the town of Wurtemburg. Graduating, he engaged in merchandising with his elder brother, John W., under the name of John W. & Joseph Hyde. In 1867 he went to Beaver Falls, Pa., and in 1870 he located at Sharon, Pa., and entered the cattle business. In 1890 Mr. Hyde had his arm crushed at the shoulder and was obliged to retire from business, and this injury was finally the cause of his death, in 1896. Mr. Hyde married Christine, daughter of Michael and Eliza (Frew) Lievendorfer. Mr. Lievendorfer was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, and after he came to Pennsylvania was instrumental in naming the town of Wurtemburg, Pa., which he



*J. C. Hyde*



helped to found, after his home city. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hyde: Mary Matilda, born Nov. 6, 1861, married Prof. J. P. Armspoker, and is buried in Oakwood cemetery, Sharon, Pa.; John Irvine, born Aug. 4, 1863, married Elizabeth Cunningham, and is buried in Oakwood cemetery, Sharon, Pa.; Thomas E. is mentioned below. Mr. Hyde was a Prohibitionist and an active member of the First Baptist Church, of which he was deacon. He also belonged to the Odd Fellows lodge at Sharon.

Thomas E. Hyde was educated in the public schools of Sharon, from which he graduated in 1883. He then taught school one year in the intermediate grades and two years in the district schools at Sharon. He next became cashier in the store of the Sharon Iron Company, a position he held for ten years. Coming then to Bloomsburg, he became manager and part owner of the Leader Department store, which dealt in carpets, rugs, groceries and general merchandise, continuing that connection for three years. He sold out and, with H. V. White and others, built the mill and formed the White Milling Company, of which he was vice president and a director, for three years attending to the outside selling of the company.

Mr. Hyde is considered the "father" of Guernsey cattle breeding in Columbia county, owning 280 acres of land located between Bloomsburg and Danville, upon which he is engaged in raising Guernseys. He has carried on this industry for ten years and has shipped Guernseys to half the States in the Union. He is frequently called upon to address the Grange meetings in the county upon the subject of cattle breeding. A large tract of his land is devoted to peach and apple growing. His property is known as the "Edgemont Farm."

On May 22, 1895, Mr. Hyde married Lucy Ashton, daughter of C. A. and Emma (Bowman) Ashton, of Sharon, and three children have been born to them: Pauline, born May 22, 1896; Joseph Ashton, born May 3, 1900; and Warren Philip, born Oct. 26, 1904.

Mr. Hyde is independent in politics. He attends the Baptist Church at Bloomsburg, and has been chosen its deacon, moderator and trustee, and superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a member of Rebekah Lodge, No. 250, F. & A. M., of Sharon; the Commandery, Knights Templar; and Irem Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre. He is also a member of the Protected Home Circle (No. 1) and of the Bloomsburg Grange.

Lucy Ashton (Mrs. Hyde) was born Aug. 16, 1875, and has one sister, Elizabeth, wife of Philip A. Higgs, assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Sharon. Mrs. Hyde's father is a Republican and has been treasurer of Mercer county. Her mother died when Lucy was but two years old. Mrs. Hyde is an active member of the Baptist Church, is connected with the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, and is also a member of the Protected Home Circle (No. 1) of Sharon, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH S. ACOR, retired farmer, at present serving as auditor of Anthony township, Montour county, has long been esteemed as one of the most substantial and reliable citizens of that section. His entire life has been passed in Montour county, where his family has been settled from pioneer days.

The Acor family originated in Germany, and the name was formerly spelled Acher. The first in the line here under consideration to come to what is now Montour county brought his family from New Jersey. Andrew Acor and his wife Henrietta, grandparents of Joseph S. Acor, lived in Liberty township, Montour county. Their son, Andrew, father of Joseph S., was born in Valley township, this county, was a lifelong farmer, and died Jan. 14, 1879, aged sixty years, eleven months. He married Ellen Marr, who was born Dec. 16, 1815, in Columbia county, this State, near Bloomsburg, and eight children were born to them, three of whom survive: Elizabeth, widow of Samuel H. Smith, of Williamsport, Pa.; James E., who lives at Pottsgrove, Pa., and Joseph S. The mother died in 1908, aged ninety-two years.

Joseph S. Acor was born Feb. 26, 1841, in Valley township, Montour county, and attended the local public schools during his boyhood. Subsequently he gave all his time to helping with the farm work on the home place until nineteen years old, when he began to learn the carpenter's trade. He always continued farming in connection with that work until his retirement. In 1862 he enlisted at Washington, D. C., as a carpenter in the United States government service, in which he remained nine months. Returning home at the end of that period he followed his trade at Danville and also worked at farming a short time. In the fall of 1864 he re-enlisted, joining Company H, 93d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for nine months, during which he was with the Army of the



Potomac, under General Meade. He did picket duty, and took part in the actions at Petersburg.

On his return from the army Mr. Acor moved to Muncy, Pa., where he remained four years. The next year he lived at Montgomery, Pa., where he had built a home, but having been persuaded to go farming by his father he moved onto one of the latter's farms, in Moreland township, Lycoming county, living there three years. In 1874 he moved to Anthony township, Montour county, where he was a tenant farmer three years, at the end of that time buying his present place, a fifteen-acre tract, which he has occupied ever since—a period of thirty-seven years. He erected the house and other buildings, and was actively engaged in farming until 1900, since which year he has lived retired. He has always been interested in local doings, became well known in the capacity of constable, which office he held for ten years, and is now serving as auditor. He has been zealously interested in the success of the Republican party in his vicinity, and although not an office seeker has given good service in every position to which he has been chosen. He is a member of the Musser Post, No. 66, G. A. R., of Muncy, Pa., and of the Methodist Church.

On Jan. 26, 1864, Mr. Acor married Anna C. Ranck, who was born Feb. 23, 1844, at Maudsdaile, Montour county, and they have had ten children, eight surviving: Andrew, born March 31, 1866, died Aug. 21, 1868; Elizabeth E., born Aug. 2, 1867, died March 26, 1869; Ellis R., born July 28, 1868, a farmer in New York State, married Laura Kirkner and has five children; Frank H., born Oct. 11, 1870, a farmer in Anthony township, Montour county, married Mary Kiefer and has two children; Isaac L., born Aug. 10, 1872, of Exchange, Montour county, married Belle Houghton, and has four children; Samantha Harriet, born Oct. 17, 1873, is the wife of Jeremiah G. Black, of Anthony township; Harry B., born March 26, 1875, a farmer in New York State, married Libby Lohr and has two children; William E., born July 18, 1877, is a resident of Geneva, N. Y.; Joseph Lawrence, born June 8, 1880, is located at Rochester, N. Y.; Norman R., born Aug. 20, 1887, a farmer at Washingtonville, Montour county, married Emma Moser, and has one child.

Isaac Ranck, father of Mrs. Joseph S. Acor, was born in May, 1811, on White Deer Mountain, Union Co., Pa., and his father,

also named Isaac Ranck, was a lifelong farmer of Union county. The latter had the following children: Jonathan, John, Leonard, Peter, Isaac, Martin, George, Mary, Catherine and Rebecca.

Isaac Ranck, son of Isaac, was educated in Union county, and learned the trade of blacksmith. Going to Danville, he was employed by Grove Brothers, and in time became weighmaster. As justice of the peace at Danville for many years he became well known. He held other local offices, and in politics was associated with the Republican party. He married Elizabeth Heller, who was born Jan. 5, 1810, and they had the following children: Norman L., of Frackville, Pa., now a widower, had one child, Nettie, Mrs. Roberts, who died leaving two children; Ellis H., a contractor, of Danville, a veteran of the Civil war, married Mary Hunter and (second) Elizabeth Golder, having one child by his first marriage and two by his second; David H. went West; Mary Elizabeth married Stephen Johnson; Anna C. is the wife of Joseph S. Acor. Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ranck were members of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church at Danville. He died at the age of seventy-two years, she at the age of sixty-two, and they are buried at Riverside, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM G. ENTERLINE has been on his present farm in Limestone township, Montour county, since 1901, and he has come to be regarded as one of the thrifty agriculturists in his neighborhood. His intelligent management and progressive methods entitle him to a place among the reliable residents of the locality, those who are keeping up high standards in their work and also useful as citizens. He is a native of Rush Township, Northumberland Co., Pa., born March 10, 1863, son of Simon P. Enterline.

Simon P. Enterline was born in Dauphin county, Pa., July 20, 1829, and lived to the age of nearly eighty-three years, dying in April, 1912. In 1858 he settled in Northumberland county, later moving to Montour county, where he was engaged in farming and as a saddler until his death. Mr. Enterline was married three times. His first wife, Eliza (Ressler), died in 1867, when thirty years old. Her father was a farmer of Northumberland county. She was the mother of three sons and two daughters, John (of Sunbury, Northumberland county), James (of Rush township, same county), William G., Ellen (married David Cardell, of Rush township),

and Jennie (married Orlie Haughawout, of near Sunbury). For his second wife Mr. Enterline married Martha Gillinger, of Rush township, Northumberland county, by whom he had no children. After her death he married Harriet Ely, of Rush township, by whom he had four children: May, wife of Norman Reed, of Northumberland county; Irwin; Theora, wife of Amos Geary; and Rosa, who married Fred Linker.

William G. Enterline obtained a good education in the local public schools, and during his young manhood did farming and taught school, being engaged as a teacher for nine terms. For fifteen years he was employed at the State Hospital for the Insane which is located at Danville, in the capacity of assistant supervisor, and in 1901 he settled at the place in Limestone township where he has since carried on farming and stock raising. He and his wife have been active in Exchange Grange, No. 65, P. O. H., of which both are past masters. Politically Mr. Enterline is a Republican, and he has been somewhat prominent in local party affairs. He served one term as assessor of Mahoning township. In religious connection he is a member of the Reformed Church, in the faith of which he was brought up; he was formerly a member of Shiloh Reformed Church at Danville.

On Oct. 4, 1893, Mr. Enterline married Alta V. Bitler, a native of Lycoming county, Pa., born March 30, 1873, and they have had seven children: Arthur G., born Sept. 28, 1894; Emily V., July 9, 1896; Ralph D., July 11, 1898; Myers B., Dec. 8, 1900; Elmer E., Sept. 8, 1904; Forrester F., Oct. 9, 1906 (died April 8, 1910); Charles D., Feb. 18, 1912.

Mrs. Enterline is a daughter of the late Daniel Bitler, a farmer. Her mother, Mrs. Ella V. (Fiester) Bitler, born Nov. 8, 1846, is now living in Turbotville, Pa. She and her husband moved to Anthony township, Montour county, March 28, 1877, and Mr. Bitler died Oct. 8, 1904, aged sixty-three years. Their family consisted of six children: Charles H., Harry D., Alta V. (Mrs. Enterline), Myers, Mame (wife of Charles Derr), and Sherman.

Gottfried (later written Godfrey) Fiester, Mrs. Enterline's earliest maternal ancestor in this country, was born in Germany, June 26, 1746, came to America Dec. 24, 1772, and served as a soldier in the Revolution. His son, Jacob Fiester, born Nov. 27, 1782, married Mary R. Robb, who was born Feb. 17, 1789, daughter of Capt. John Robb, a Revolutionary soldier. Henry Fiester, son of

Jacob, born Jan. 3, 1814, married Mary Moyer, and died March 9, 1818. They were the parents of Mrs. Ella V. (Fiester) Bitler, and grandparents of Mrs. Enterline.

ROBERT C. AUTEN, retired harness-maker and weaver, of Liberty township, Montour county, was born March 7, 1851, near his present residence, son of George Auten. The family is of Holland descent. The original paternal ancestor in America, Adrian Hendricksen Aten, came from Holland and settled near Flatbush, L. I., in 1651. The original spelling of the name has since been changed to "Auten."

John Auten, a descendant of the Hollander above, came to Montour county between 1780 and 1800, and settled on Chillisquaque creek, about nine miles from its mouth. Here, in 1812, he built a small sawmill, and cut the lumber for his house and barn. In 1814 he added a gristmill. These mills have never been replaced. John Auten married Jane Morden, a native of Greenwood township, Columbia county, and they had several children, George Auten, father of Robert C., being one.

George Auten was born on the old homestead, where he died in November, 1851, about the age of forty years. He was a carpenter and farmer, and resided in Liberty township all of his life. He married Mary, daughter of John and Annie (Rhodenbach) Vandling, of Liberty township, and they had seven children, three of whom are now living: Robert C.; Caleb H., a farmer of Liberty township; and Catherine, widow of Alex Ager.

Robert C. Auten attended the country schools and learned harnessmaking. He worked at the trade in different places for fifteen years and in 1871 came to his present home, taking up the occupations of broom making and carpet weaving. He still follows the latter trade. He is cultivating nine acres and does general farming. On Dec. 24, 1872, he was married to Ellen Boyer, born Dec. 7, 1853, daughter of Christopher and Lucy (Strauss) Boyer, natives of Lancaster county. By this union there were four children: George B., born Jan. 8, 1874, married Hattie Crawford, and has four children; Cora Belle, born Nov. 19, 1875, wife of William Robbins, of Liberty township, has nine children; Mary Jane, born March 25, 1879, wife of Elmer Zettlemoyer, of New York State, has three children; John Clarence, born Oct. 28, 1884, married Esther Parker and resides in

Rochester, N. Y. Mrs. Ellen Auten died Nov. 27, 1884, at the age of thirty-one years, eleven months, twenty days. On Dec. 23, 1889, Mr. Auten married (second) Mrs. Margaret Alice Dwyer, widow of William Dwyer and daughter of Frank and Mary (Pollock) Cromley. She was born Oct. 1, 1857. To this union there came one son, Peter Cromley, born Dec. 23, 1890, who married Viola Dietrich of Mooresburg, where he is now operator for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company.

Mr. Auten is a Democrat and has been jury commissioner for one term. He was elected justice of the peace in 1878 and has held the position until the present time, having been reelected in the fall of 1913 for a term of six years. It is stated he is the oldest justice in northeastern Pennsylvania.

ANDREW JACKSON WINTERSTEEN, an enterprising farmer and dairyman of Cooper township, Montour county, was born in Valley township, Sept. 6, 1867, and is the son of John W. Wintersteen and grandson of Henry Wintersteen, all farmers of this township.

William Wintersteen, great-grandfather of Andrew J. Wintersteen, lived and died in the State of New Jersey, and he and his wife are buried there. They had children as follows: Jane married James Hann, of Scott township, Columbia Co., Pa.; Hannah married John Blue, of Valley township; Mary married John Campbell, of Bradford county, Pa.; Elizabeth died unmarried; Dr. William moved out to Ohio; Henry is mentioned below.

Henry Wintersteen, son of William, was born Sept. 10, 1798, in New Jersey, and was reared and educated there, though he was still a boy when he came to Valley township, in what is now Montour county, Pa. The country was then covered with forests, and he assisted in clearing away the timber, built log houses and barns, and engaged in the other occupations typical of the times. In the winter time, being earnest in his desire to acquire an education, he walked to Mausdale to school, and often saw wolves on his way. As he grew older he bought about six hundred acres of land, and as he cleared it of timber started to till the soil, following farming up to within two years of his death. His brother William, being a cripple, could not do hard manual work, so he studied medicine and became a doctor, in time settling in the State of Ohio. Henry Winter-

steen first married Mary Gingles, of Jerseytown, Columbia county, and they had two children: William, who married Mary Sidler, and Reuben, who married Phoebe Wilson. The mother died in Valley township, and was buried at Jerseytown. Mr. Wintersteen's second marriage was to Lydia Ebner, daughter of Conrad and Catherine (Wertman) Ebner, the latter from Lehigh county, Pa. Ten children were born to this union, namely: Harriet, wife of Alexander Carr; Rachel, wife of Nathaniel Bennett; James, who died in infancy; John W., who married Catherine Crossley; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Yeager; Henry, mentioned elsewhere; David, who married Catherine Moser; Jacob, who married Martha Blee; Lydia Jane, who married Levi Moser; and Dr. George, who married Hannah Roat. Henry Wintersteen, the father, died at the age of sixty-eight years, Dec. 24, 1866, and his wife was seventy-six years old at the time of her death, Aug. 29, 1886. They are buried in Straub's cemetery in Valley township, and were members of Straub's Lutheran Church, of the General Council, in whose work he was very active. He was a lifelong Democrat, and held all the township offices, giving satisfaction in the discharge of every responsibility intrusted to him. He was a member of the Danville Cavalry Company.

Mrs. Lydia (Ebner) Wintersteen, second wife of Henry Wintersteen, was born March 15, 1810, in Northampton county, Pa., a daughter of Conrad Ebner, a farmer, who came to Montour county from Lehigh county, Pa., and settled in Derry township, where he died. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Catherine Wertman, are buried at Strawberry Ridge, Montour county. On political questions Mr. Ebner was a Democrat. His children, besides Mrs. Wintersteen, were as follows: John, who married Rebecca Bennett and lived in Lycoming county, Pa.; George, who went to New York State; Jacob, who married Lydia Cooper; David, who was twice married; a daughter who married George Cooper; Mary, who married William Robbins; and Daniel, who married Leah Crossley.

John W. Wintersteen was born on the old homestead in Valley township, in November, 1835, and attended the country schools. He worked on his father's farm during early youth, later taking charge of one of the other farms owned by the father. When the father died the farms were sold to the highest bidder, the boys being the ones to whom they were knocked down. John W. bought the 110-acre farm, which he retained and culti-

vated all of his life, making a specialty of horse raising, being considered a fine judge of horses.

John W. Wintersteen was married in 1861 to Catherine Crossley, born Sept. 22, 1841, who died Sept. 1, 1910. She was a daughter of Joseph H. and Mary Ann (Snyder) Crossley. Their children were: (1) Mary Ann, born April 16, 1862, deceased, wife of Benjamin Shultz, of West Hemlock township; (2) Joseph H., born Oct. 12, 1863, who married Mary DeLong, of West Hemlock township; (3) Phoebe Jane, born Oct. 8, 1865, wife of John T. Blue, of Valley township; (4) Andrew Jackson, born Sept. 6, 1867, mentioned below; (5) Norman D., born March 19, 1869, who married Susan Fishman and lives in Illinois; (6) Willa May, born July 30, 1873, living on the old homestead in Valley township; (7) Charles A., born Sept. 25, 1876, who married Dora Bgart, of Liberty township; (8) Samuel C., born Aug. 9, 1878, who married Irene Cook, residing on the old homestead, which he owns; and (9) Conrad F., born May 28, 1881, who married Jennie Waite, of Danville, Pa. John W. Wintersteen worked on his farm until four months before his death, which occurred June 9, 1910, at the age of seventy-four. He and his wife are buried in the Straub Lutheran churchyard, in Valley township.

Andrew J. Wintersteen was educated at the Sidler schoolhouse in Valley township and worked for his father on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He was an attendant at the State Hospital for the Insane, Danville, for three years and five months, and then worked for William R. Pursel, on his farm in Frosty valley, for a year. When he married, Sept. 27, 1892, he moved to Danville and had charge of the Montour Iron & Steel Co. stables for one year and three months. Then he took charge of R. H. Wooley's stock farm, in Montour township, Columbia county, and when his employer died he was retained by the next owner, T. E. Hyde, of Bloomsburg. He remained on this farm for five years, and then bought the Jacob Hartman farm of forty acres in Cooper township. This farm he now cultivates, while his two sons operate the dairy and milk route.

Mr. Wintersteen married Jessie Belle Gibson, born Oct. 31, 1869, daughter of James H. and Sarah E. (Miller) Gibson, and they have had three children: Andrew LeRoy, born Nov. 4, 1893, was a member of Com-

pany F, 12th Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, now attached to a separate battalion of the National Guard of Pennsylvania, Company F, having qualified in 1913 as an expert marksman (he is a member of Danville Council, No. 116, Jr. O. U. A. M.); Helen, born Sept. 8, 1894, died in infancy; James Walter was born Feb. 27, 1896. Mr. Wintersteen is a Democrat and has been supervisor for three years. He is a member of Beaver Lodge, No. 132, Knights of Pythias, and is a trustee of the Lazarus Lutheran Church, under the General Council.

John Gibson, grandfather of Mrs. Wintersteen, was born in Valley township, and died in Mahoning township, from the effects of sunstroke, at the age of twenty-five years. He married Nancy Smith, who was born in December, 1813, and died at the age of eighty-seven. Their children were: James H., deceased; Jeremiah, who died at the age of eighteen; William, deceased, who married Sarah Chappell, of Lewisburg; and John, deceased, who married Barbara Kersteter.

After the death of her husband Mrs. Gibson worked in the fields for twenty-five cents a day to support her children. Later she went out nursing. Finally they grew old enough to assist her and she lived with them to a peaceful old age, dying at the home of her daughter, the late Mrs. Sarah Gibson.

Mr. Wintersteen was a Democrat. He is buried in the cemetery of the Memorial Park. His wife was a Methodist, and is laid at rest in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville.

James H. Gibson, father of Mrs. Wintersteen, was born Feb. 28, 1832, in Valley township, attended the country schools and learned the trade of blacksmith. Later he worked as roller for the Reading Iron Company. He was compelled to give up work three years before his death, owing to illness. He was a Democrat, a member of the Odd Fellows and of Trinity Methodist Church. He died April 28, 1885, and his wife died on March 21, 1911. Both are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

James H. Gibson married Sarah Elizabeth Miller Sept. 17, 1857, and their children were: (1) William John, born Dec. 7, 1858, married Annie Cromwell, of Easton, Pa.; (2) Winfield Scott, born June 18, 1861, died April 3, 1863; (3) Joseph Miller, born Aug. 22, 1863, married (first) Jennie Wands, deceased, and (second) Hannah Sechler, of Danville; (4) Edward Willard, born Nov. 2, 1866, married Lydia Knapp, of Danville; (5) Jessie Belle was born Oct. 31, 1869; (6) James Auld, born Nov. 2, 1871, married Ida

Morrison, of Danville; (7) Jennie Hall, born June 12, 1874, married Samuel Warth, of Philadelphia.

Sarah Elizabeth Miller, wife of James H. Gibson, and mother of Mrs. Wintersteen, was born in Danville Sept. 7, 1834, and was a daughter of William G. Miller, a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

George Miller, the grandfather, was born in Lancaster county. His father was the first sheriff of that county in the days of its formation. George learned the trade of gunsmith, a very necessary business in those days of plentiful game. He came to Danville and bought a residence and shop on the site where the Opera House now stands. Here he carried on the business of gun repairing and locksmith until his death, in 1842, at the age of sixty-five years. He married Sarah B. Myers, and their children were: John, Elizabeth, William G., Margaret, Levi, Mary, George, Julia Ann and Jacob H. Mrs. Miller died at the age of eighty-five, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville.

William G. Miller was born in Lancaster county, learned the gunsmith trade from his father, inherited the shop and business and followed the occupation for the whole of his life. He married Martha, daughter of Robert Walker, a native of County Derry, Ireland, and they had these children: Sarah E., Robert C., William H., Joseph W., Elias Swartz, Mary Jane, Luther, James S., Maria B., Martha A., Isabella B. and Emma. Mr. Miller died in 1882, at the age of seventy-three years, six months, and his wife passed away at the age of seventy-seven years.

MRS. JENNIE B. JORDAN, supervisor of the female department of the State Hospital, Danville, Pa., is a daughter of David and Maria Louisa (Stauter) Weikert.

John Weikert, her paternal grandfather, was born in Adams county, Pa., where he spent all his life engaged in farming.

David Weikert, son of John Weikert, and father of Mrs. Jordan, was born in February, 1818, in Adams county, Pa., and was engaged in merchant tailoring up to the time of his death, which occurred in August, 1878, when he was in his sixty-first year. He belonged to the Odd Fellows lodge at Gettysburg, and at the time of his death was the oldest Odd Fellow in Adams county. He married Maria Louisa Stauter, a native of Hanover, York Co., Pa., born Jan. 21, 1818, daughter of John and Ruth (Mohler) Stauter, who were married in 1814, the

former also born at Hanover, York county; at the time of his death he was the oldest Mason in Hanover. Mrs. Weikert died May 3, 1902. She was the mother of nine children, of whom six survive: Emma Jane married William D. Yingling, of Washington, D. C., deceased in October, 1913, who was in the post office department for twenty-five years, engaged as inspector of locks; Athalia Eliza is the widow of Sylvester Harner; Lucy is the widow of J. Shaunessy, of Philadelphia; A. W. makes his home in Washington, D. C.; M. C. is also in Washington, D. C.; Jennie B. lives at Danville, Pennsylvania.

Jennie B. Weikert, daughter of David Weikert, grew to womanhood in Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa., and was married in Baltimore, Md., to Francis Jordan, who was born in England, April 10, 1839, and was brought to America in infancy by his parents, the family settling in Philadelphia. He was a graduate of the Pennsylvania State Pharmaceutical Institute, and opened a drug store at Pottstown, from which place he enlisted for the Union service during the Civil war, remaining in the army nine months. In 1874 he came to Danville and bought the Cottage Drug Store, and this he conducted until his death, Dec. 3, 1881. He was always a staunch Republican, working actively for the interests of his party. After his death Mrs. Jordan continued to conduct the pharmacy until April 1, 1895, when she disposed of it, and on May 6, 1895, was appointed supervisor of the female department of the State Hospital, a position she has continued to hold to the present time. She is known as an efficient, painstaking and conscientious official, amply able to discharge the important duties of this position. She has been interested for some years in charitable work, and is an active member of the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church and of the Danville Benevolent Society.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jordan: Edna Waugh, born Oct. 19, 1874, died Jan. 2, 1895; Lela Stauter, born March 2, 1876, died Aug. 11, 1881; Marian Mayfield, born Sept. 6, 1877, died Nov. 9, 1877.

WILLIAM R. ROBINSON, a farmer of Derry township, has lived in that part of Montour county all his life, and his father before him was a farmer there also.

Thomas C. Robinson, the father, was born in the lower part of Pennsylvania, and coming to this section settled in Derry township, in what is now Montour county, where he fol-

lowed farming the rest of his life. He died in 1888, at the age of seventy-five years. He married Mary Ellen Nesbit, of Northumberland county, Pa., daughter of Fleming and Anna (Flemming) Nesbit, and they had a family of four children, two of whom survive, William R. and Wallace C., the latter a retired farmer now living at Washingtonville. Arthur died at the age of twenty-one years; Thomas N. died when fifty-four years old, unmarried.

William R. Robinson was born July 15, 1860, in Derry township, and here received an excellent education in the public schools. He then taught in Derry and West Hemlock townships for three years. He had been trained to farm work from boyhood, and after farming here two years on his own account went to West Hemlock township, Montour county, and farmed there for three years. Returning to Derry township he continued agricultural work until 1901, when he moved to Washingtonville and engaged in the bakery business, carrying it on for four years. Selling out he resumed farming, with which he is still occupied. He is one of the well known residents of his locality, for he has not only been successful in his various private undertakings, but has proved useful in every capacity. He has served his fellow citizens nine years as a member of the school board, and for the same length of time has been census enumerator. He has been active in politics as a member of the Republican party, and has worked faithfully in its interest, as a member of the county committee and several times as delegate to conventions. He belongs to P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 365, at Washingtonville. Mr. Robinson was reared in the Presbyterian Church, he and his wife attending at Washingtonville.

Mr. Robinson's first marriage was to Anna Mary Shultz, daughter of John Kinney and Rebecca (McVicker) Shultz, of Derry township. She died April 23, 1890, when twenty-three years old, the mother of four children: John C., born June 5, 1883, who is employed at the State Hospital for the Insane, Danville, married Lydia Suber, and they have two children; Walter R., born Sept. 29, 1885, is at home; Merrill, born Nov. 14, 1887, is deceased; Anna R., born Nov. 20, 1889, is engaged in dressmaking. For his second wife Mr. Robinson married Ida R. Shultz, daughter of Peter Shultz, and cousin to his first wife. She, too, died on July 4, 1893, when but twenty-three years old, and he has since married (third) Jennie M. Crist, of Lycom-

ing county, Pa., born Aug. 6, 1857. There are no children by this marriage.

John Crist, Mrs. Robinson's grandfather, came from Berks county, and settled in Franklin township, Lycoming Co., Pa. By occupation he was a carpenter and farmer. His wife was Catherine Snyder, daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Bombarier) Snyder, and they are buried at Lairdsville, in Franklin township. Mr. Crist was a Democrat, and in religious connection an old school Lutheran. His family consisted of seven children: Jacob B.; Joseph T., who married Euphemia Witmoyer (both are deceased); Daniel V., who married Mary Berger (he is deceased); John Samuel, who married Margaret Brittain (both are deceased); Peter O., who married Effie Witmoyer (she is deceased); George T., who married Margaret Stackhouse (both are deceased); and Susan, who married Washington Reed (both deceased).

Jacob B. Crist was born Jan. 11, 1830, in Franklin township, Lycoming county, where he was engaged as a farmer and lumberman, remaining there until about five years before his death. He then removed to Pine Summit, Columbia county, where he passed the rest of his days, dying Sept. 19, 1891. A Republican in politics, he was active in the interest of the party, and his religious connection was with the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife, Sarah H. Brittain, born Sept. 29, 1834, died April 19, 1897, and they are buried in the Methodist graveyard at Pine Summit. They had two children, Jennie M. (Mrs. William R. Robinson) and Rhoda A., the latter born Nov. 29, 1854, now the wife of Wilbur W. Eves and living near Berwick, Columbia county.

The Shultz family was founded in this country by Philip Shultz, who came from Germany and settled on a farm in New Jersey, where he died. His son Jacob was born in New Jersey and came to Montour county in 1790, settling first at Limestoneville. A year later he came to the farm later occupied by his grandson, John K. Shultz, and resided there until his death in 1804, when, with other settlers, he was carried away by typhoid fever. He was the father of eight children; the last to survive was Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Mostellar, who in 1887 was a resident of West Hemlock township, at the age of eighty-seven.

Peter Shultz, son of Jacob, was three years old when his parents came to Montour county. He was reared on a farm, and after his marriage moved to the farm adjoining, where he

resided fifty years, dying July 11, 1862, at the age of seventy-five. He was an elder in the old Derry Church for many years and politically a Democrat. His wife was Sarah Robbins, of Columbia county, and their children were: William, a resident of Columbia county; Jonathan P., who died in Northumberland county in 1886; Jacob and Vincent R., living in West Hemlock township, Montour county; James, of Rush township, Northumberland county; Benjamin F., a physician of Danville; Peter, of Anthony township; Mary K., wife of Benjamin Crossley, of Michigan; and John K. Mrs. Shultz died in 1872 at the age of eighty-one years.

John K. Shultz was born in the old home on March 5, 1825, and lived with his father until his marriage, when he moved to the adjoining farm, in West Hemlock township, which he owned until his death, Dec. 4, 1893. There he lived for nineteen years, when, having previously bought the old homestead and erected thereon a fine house, he removed to it in October, 1874. He was married Oct. 11, 1855, to Rebecca, daughter of James McVicker, of Anthony township. She was born in that township June 6, 1826, and died in the spring of 1894. Seven children blessed their union, the eldest and youngest dying in infancy. The others were: Anna M., deceased, wife of William R. Robinson; Sarah C., deceased; Charles W., who married Sarah J. Watts; Clarence J., living at Mooresburg; William Barber, residing on the old homestead in Derry township.

Mr. Shultz held several township offices, including that of justice of the peace, and was a Democrat politically. To his farming he added the vocations of cattle raising and horse dealing. He and his wife were members of the Derry Presbyterian Church.

ARTHUR COOK AMESBURY, one of the prominent business men of Danville, and the leading coal dealer there, continuing the business established many years ago by his father, was born in Danville March 21, 1873. He is the son of William Amesbury, and grandson of Richard Amesbury, whose wife was Hattie Pernell. They had a family of seven children.

William Amesbury, the father, was born in England Nov. 26, 1825, and was the second son of his parents. When but eight years old he ran away from home rather than attend school. He first found employment with a railroad construction gang, making himself useful carrying tools for the navvies, and

soon became a pet of the workmen. His wages were but twenty-five cents a day, but were ample for his simple wants, and he labored at this work until he was twelve years old. He then went to Scotland and worked with railroad men for two years, at the end of the time returning to England to work in the mines of Yorkshire. There he remained until he was twenty-two, when he emigrated to America, landing at New York. He made only a short stay in that city, after which he came to Danville, Pa., working in the iron mines for one year. His next move was to St. Louis, Mo., where he was employed by a company to travel in search of lead and copper veins, in which work he was occupied for some time. During that period he made several important discoveries of paying leads, which were later worked. He traveled extensively while following that business, visiting all the States and Territories, as well as South America, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, crossing the ocean from America to England four times. He explored and sunk nearly all the ore and coal slopes around Danville, and was regarded as an authority on mining and ore propositions. He carried on mining and prospecting in Montour county on his own account, employing from forty to fifty men, and made a marked success in that field. From 1880 to 1893 he was in business on Church street, Danville, as a coal merchant. He retired in 1893 to enjoy the leisure he had so well earned. His death occurred in 1901, and he was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery, where his wife also rests.

In 1854 William Amesbury married Maria Cook, daughter of Richard Cook, a native of England, and five children came to bless their union: William, who married Mary Foster, of Gloucestershire, England, resides at Wilkes-Barre; Mary is the wife of Thomas Cromwell; Adaline is the wife of William Dyer, a retired farmer of Montour county; Jennie is also married; Arthur Cook is mentioned below. Mr. Amesbury was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, his wife also belonging to that denomination. He was independent in politics, served the borough as a councilman, and held other offices of honor and responsibility.

Arthur Cook Amesbury received his education principally in the public schools of Danville, graduating from high school in 1890. He then took a course at the Peirce business college, in Philadelphia, graduating in 1891, and returned to Danville to enter the coal



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business with his father. After an association of two years he bought the business, in 1893, and has since successfully conducted it, having made it one of the most important establishments in Danville. His thorough knowledge of the business and fairness in every transaction have attracted and held a patronage of the most substantial kind, which is constantly increasing.

In 1909 Mr. Amesbury was elected mayor of Danville, assuming the office the following January and serving until the expiration of his term, January, 1914. During his term as executive his reputation as a public-spirited citizen and trustworthy guardian of the rights of the people in nowise suffered, and he left the office with enhanced reputation. In party allegiance Mr. Amesbury is a Democrat. He is a member of the local volunteer fire department and did much to develop the organization to its present efficiency. He is a prominent Mason, belonging to Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M.; Danville Chapter, No. 239, R. A. M.; Calvary Commandery, No. 37, K. T.; and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre; is a past noble chief of Montour Castle, No. 186, Knights of the Golden Eagle; member of Beaver Lodge, No. 132, Knights of Pythias; and a past exalted ruler of Danville Lodge, No. 754, B. P. O. Elks.

In 1895 Mr. Amesbury married Leota Marian, daughter of Lamar and Agnes Amanda Hahn, and they have one son, William Penn, now a student at the Danville high school. Mr. Amesbury attended the Methodist Church while a young man, but is now a member of the Episcopal Church. He is deeply interested in the welfare of his native city and gives substantial encouragement to every movement for its advancement.

OLIVER I. KAUFMAN, now living retired, has for many years been one of the prominent residents of Limestone township, Montour county, where he followed farming during his active days and held a number of important public positions. His trustworthy character and well directed energies have won him a high place in the regard of all, which he has sustained by the most honorable conduct in every relation of life. He is a son of John and Margaret (Huller) Kaufman.

John Kaufman, the father, born at Little York, Pa., moved to Milton, Pa., with his widowed mother. He learned the shoemaker's trade, which he followed throughout his active

years, and lived to the age of ninety, dying in 1895. He was in the service in the war of 1812-15. His wife died in 1892, aged seventy-eight years. They were survived by three sons and four daughters: Bennett, who lives at Milton, Pa., served three years in the Civil war, as did also Adolphus, who lives at Philadelphia; Oliver I. is mentioned below; Mary is the widow of Michael Norokonk, of Milton, Pa.; Harriet also lives at Milton; Christiana was married to Sylvanus M. Wenk, of Northumberland; Sarah married Adam Batdorf, of Milton, Pennsylvania.

Oliver I. Kaufman was born March 20, 1847, at Milton, and after receiving his schooling worked at shoemaking with his father. In 1865 he enlisted in the Union service during the Civil war, serving seven months in Company K, 74th Pennsylvania Volunteers. For a time before his marriage he worked with his brother-in-law as house painter at Milton, and after his marriage settled down to farming on the place in Limestone township where he has ever since resided, engaging in general agricultural work until his retirement in 1906. Mr. Kaufman has always been enterprising and ambitious, looking after his own interests well, but at the same time he has been a useful and public-spirited citizen, filling several township offices of trust with ability. He is a Republican on political issues, and in religious connection a member of the German Reformed Church at Paradise, Northumberland county.

On Oct. 26, 1871, Mr. Kaufman married Anna Matilda Kramm, who was born June 11, 1847, in Limestone township, daughter of William and Margaret (Billmeyer) Kramm. Mr. and Mrs. Kaufman have had two children: (1) Clyde Benton, born Aug. 6, 1872, married Harriet Martin, of Williamsport, Pa., and they have one child, Dorothy Margaret, born April 24, 1898, now attending high school at Jacksonville, Fla. (2) Myron Francis, born Jan. 7, 1874, married Sarah Reed, of Williamsport.

The Kramm family is descended from David Kramm, who was a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1793. He was a farmer all his life, and also followed tanning. He lived to a great age, dying in September, 1882. His wife, Mary (Brunner), of Allentown, Pa., was born in 1800, daughter of Jacob Brunner, who was a captain of guards in the State militia; while a gun was being tried it exploded, and he was struck, later dying of lock-jaw as the result of his injury. Mrs. Mary (Brunner) Kramm died in 1872. She and her

husband came with their family to Limestone township in the early days, in 1835, and he bought a large farm there, living on that place until his retirement, when he moved to Milton, Pa., remaining there until his death.

William Kramm, son of David, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., and came with the family to Limestone township in early boyhood. He married Margaret Billmeyer, daughter of George and Annie (Himmelreich) Billmeyer, and to them were born three children: Anna Matilda, Mrs. Oliver I. Kaufman; Ada Virginia, widow of James Wilcox, of Williamsport; and William Hammond, deceased, who married Hulda Fisher, the widow living at Anglesea, New Jersey.

Mrs. Annie (Himmelreich) Billmeyer was the daughter of Peter and Mary (Withington) Himmelreich, and granddaughter of Peter and Eve (Albert) Withington. Mrs. Eve (Albert) Withington came from England; her enjoyment of novels was well known, and "The Children of the Abbey" was one of her favorite books. Peter and Mary (Withington) Himmelreich had three children: Annie, who married George Billmeyer; Fannie, wife of John Reedy; and George, who lived in Ohio.

ROBERT MARTIN FARLEY, freight agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company at Danville, Pa., was born above Pine Creek, near Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Pa., Sept. 29, 1848, and is a son of Theophilus, grandson of George and great-grandson of George Farley, all of whom were farmers of the latter county.

George Farley, the great-grandfather, was born in Shamokin, Pa., and is buried in the Limestone cemetery, in Nippenose Valley, Montour county. His wife, whose maiden name was Fisher, was born in England, and is buried near Antes Fort, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania.

George Farley, the grandfather, was born in Shamokin in 1780, and was a farmer, having a tract of about twenty acres near Jamestown, Lycoming county. He was a soldier in the Mexican war, a Whig, and a member of the Lutheran Church. He died June 27, 1856, and his wife died April 19, 1884. They are buried in the Lutheran cemetery in Limestone township, Lycoming county. Mr. Farley married Elizabeth Anderson, born in Trenton, N. J., in 1798, and they had these children: Caleb, born March 9, 1817; Pemberton, Nov. 19, 1819 (died April 11, 1908); Theophilus, Oct. 21, 1821; Mary Ann, March 28, 1824; Jane, Aug. 1, 1826; Catherine, July 10, 1828 (died Dec.

18, 1903); A. Donaldson, Sept. 26, 1835; and Samuel, in 1837 (died Dec. 19, 1862).

Theophilus Farley was born in Jamestown, Lycoming Co., Pa., Oct. 21, 1821, and was reared to farming. When his son Robert was eight years old he went to Stonytown, Columbia county, and worked in a stone quarry until Robert was twelve. Then he moved to the Deitrich farm in Montour township, Columbia county, and tenanted it for five years, next renting the farm of William W. Wintersteen for two years. He then moved to Danville, where he worked in the Waterman & Beaver mills and for some time later was a coachman for A. C. Creveling. He next moved to Bloomsburg and worked for his son William until his death.

Theophilus Farley was married to Margaret Wellshans, and they had children as follows: Robert M. is mentioned below; Emma, born June 29, 1852, married Thomas Morgan and died Dec. 21, 1912, leaving four children, Robert, Margaret, Annie and Sadie; Miles married Susan Dietz and had seven children, Margaret, Jennie, Annie, Edward, Robert, Harriet and Thomas; Sarah Jane, born Aug. 9, 1857, married Edward Hallman, and died Oct. 11, 1902; William H., born June 29, 1867, married Ida Dawson; and had four children, Francis, Jesse, Harry and Carlton.

For many years Mr. Farley was a Democrat, but after attending a political meeting where the speaker—a Republican—did not speak ill of the Democratic party he decided thereafter to vote the Republican ticket entirely. He was a member of the Pine Street Lutheran Church, of the General Synod. He and his wife are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

Robert M. Farley attended the schools in Stonytown, Mifflin township, Montour township, Columbia county, and Danville. For about four years he worked as a farmer, and then entered the employ of Waterman & Beaver, later working in the Danville Steam Flour Mill. He next drove a delivery team for the National Iron Company, and for the firm of Kramer & Co. He has now been freight agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company for thirty-two years. He is a member of the Pine Street Lutheran Church (General Synod). Mr. Farley is past sachem of Mahoning Tribe, No. 77, I. O. R. M., and has been a trustee of the Tribe for fifteen years; he also belongs to the Red Men's Fraternal Association of Springfield, Massachusetts.

Forty years ago, while Mr. Farley was a resident of Milton, Pa., a tramp applied at his

home for assistance, and he took him in and gave him food and a night's lodging! To compensate him for his kind treatment the tramp gave Mr. Farley the prescription for a liniment. He died the next day, at the almshouse. Mr. Farley gave the prescription no thought until a year later, when he had a sprained back. He had the prescription filled and used the liniment, which gave him such prompt relief that he decided to give others the benefit of its good properties. Starting the manufacture of it on a small scale, he has since found a steady market for the liniment wherever it is known, having many regular customers who would not be without it. Except for giving out sample bottles he has never advertised it in any way. He has many testimonials from people who have benefited from its use.

Mr. Farley married Ella Elizabeth, daughter of Henry and Sarah (Barto) Forney, and their children are: (1) Emma E., born Sept. 26, 1873, married John H. Dietz April 14, 1896, and they have two children, Charles Earl, born Sept. 9, 1900, and Edna Anna, born Feb. 23, 1907. (2) Stella M., born Dec. 20, 1876, married Wilson I. Richard on June 5, 1900. (3) Laura G., born Feb. 27, 1881, married Charles E. Harder on July 9, 1902, and has three children, Harold LeRoy, born Dec. 9, 1904, Lillian May, born Aug. 21, 1905, and Charles Roland, born Jan. 26, 1914. (4) Walter T., born Dec. 27, 1886, married Catherine S. Harper on June 19, 1912. (5) Robert F., born Dec. 28, 1888, married Harriet Fegley on June 9, 1911, and they have one child, Mary Elizabeth, born Nov. 29, 1913. (6) Edna E. was born July 9, 1892. All of this family were educated in the public schools of Danville. Stella is a graduate of the Danville high school.

Walter T. Farley after his schooldays spent one year in the Speedometer Works and since then has been clerk in the Pennsylvania railroad station at Riverside, Northumberland county. He is a past sachem of Mahoning Tribe, No. 77, I. O. R. M., and of the P. O. S. of A. Camp at Riverside. He is a Republican, and a member of the Pine Street Lutheran Church at Danville.

Robert F. Farley is a miller with the Danville Milling Company. He is connected with Mahoning Tribe, I. O. R. M., and is assistant superintendent of the Sunday school and deacon in the Pine Street Lutheran Church.

Ella Elizabeth Forney (Mrs. Robert M. Farley) was born at Chulasky, Point township, Northumberland county, June 27, 1853, and was a daughter of Henry Forney, of Lebanon county, Pa. She was educated in the schools

of Danville and resided at home until her marriage. She is a member of the missionary society of the Pine Street Lutheran Church and has taught in the Sunday school before and since her marriage.

Henry Forney was born in 1813 in Lebanon, Pa., and was placed among strangers when a child. The only book he had to learn from was the Bible, and he had very little opportunity for an education. He came to Jersey Shore, Lycoming county, and worked as a cabinetmaker, but he lost on many accounts of persons for whom he did work and who defrauded him of the payment. He was a Republican, and a member of the Lutheran Church. He died Feb. 26, 1880, and he and his wife are buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Danville. He married at Jersey Shore, went to Chulasky and worked in the furnaces there, and a few years later moved to Danville to work in the Waterman & Beaver rolling mill, continuing thus until his death. His wife, Sarah (Barto), was born Jan. 19, 1819, and died May 17, 1897. Their children were: William, who married Christina Slack; George, who married Mahala Lutz (both are deceased); Catherine, who died young; Samuel, who married Louise McClure (she is deceased); and Ella Elizabeth, Mrs. Robert M. Farley.

**BITLER.** The Bitler family is one which has long been known in Montour county, Pa., where representatives of the name have been prominent in business, professional, military and public life.

Thomas Bitler, the founder of the family in Pennsylvania, was brought to this country in infancy by his parents from his native England, and was an early settler in Schuylkill county, Pa., the family still having claims upon a large tract of coal land in that region. He followed farming, lumbering and sawmilling all of his life, was successful in his ventures, and died in 1882, at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, Elizabeth, had two children by her first marriage, and to her union with Mr. Bitler were born seven, of whom but one is living, Henry, a resident of Lycoming county, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Bitler, son of Thomas Bitler, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., Sept. 15, 1842. As a boy he assisted his father on the home place, and worked at teaming and sawmilling. He was but nineteen years of age at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, and responded to the President's call for troops by enlisting in Company F, 84th Pa. Vol. Inf., for three

years. At the expiration of this term he reenlisted, and while serving his second term was wounded while on picket duty. He participated in Sherman's famous march to the sea, prior to which he had been taken prisoner at the battle of Antietam and had escaped with three other prisoners, but only after a wait of fifty-two hours in ambush and a long and tedious journey thereafter. During his service his feet were frozen, and this incapacitated him for life. When mustered out he located at Clarkstown, Pa., and after his marriage engaged in farming. In 1878 he came to Anthony township, where he continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits up to the time of his death, Oct. 8, 1902. In 1878 Mr. Bitler was married to Ella V. Fiester, who was born March 8, 1847, at Clarkstown, Pa., daughter of Henry and Mary (Moyer) Fiester, the latter a daughter of Jacob and Mary Moyer, of Berks county, Pa. At the time of the building of the Lewiston & Niagara Falls railroad Henry Fiester and his family went by emigrant wagon to Niagara Falls, N. Y., but when he had completed his services with that road they returned to Clarkstown, Pa., and there Mr. Fiester died in 1889, when seventy-six years of age, his wife passing away in 1892, at the age of seventy-four. To Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bitler there were born six children: Sherman E.; Charles H., who married Miss A. Fague and lives in Lycoming county; Harry D., who married Ivy Abbott and lives at Fulton, Ill.; Alta V., the wife of William G. Enterline, a farmer of Limestone township; A. Myers, a farmer of Anthony township; and Mary J., who is the wife of Charles Derr, of Washington, Pennsylvania.

DR. SHERMAN E. BITLER, son of Daniel Bitler, was born Sept. 4, 1886, on the old homestead place in Anthony township, Montour Co., Pa., and was there reared. After attaining his majority he was for one year engaged in farming the home place in partnership with his brother, and then sold out his interest and left for the West, being there in the teaming business for one year. Returning to Pennsylvania at the end of that time, he became a resident of Turbotville, and not long thereafter began his studies for a professional career at the Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, Canada. He was graduated therefrom (honorary) with his degree in 1909, and immediately entered practice at Sunbury, Pa., but after five months moved to Turbotville, where he has since centered his activities. He is thoroughly versed in his profession, keeps well abreast of the times, and has not only attracted a

wide practice, but also has gained the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. He is a valued member of the Pennsylvania State Veterinary Medical Association and the United (Ontario, Canada) Medical Association, and takes a keen and active interest in the work of these organizations. As a citizen Dr. Bitler has always been known as one who has had the welfare of his community deeply at heart, and any movement making for progress and development has his hearty support. Fraternally his connections are with the Odd Fellows and the Maccabees.

Dr. Bitler is married, and lives with his mother in their comfortable home at Turbotville.

JACOB MARTZ, late of Washingtonville, Montour county, was an old established liveryman there and also ran the mail stage between that place and Strawberry Ridge. He was born Oct. 28, 1843, at Strawberry Ridge, son of Jacob Martz. His father was also a native of the State of Pennsylvania, where he passed all his life, dying in 1851, when fifty-two years old. Bringing his wife (they had no children then) to Montour county, he located first in Anthony township, later moving to Strawberry Ridge, in Derry township, where he passed the remainder of his days engaged in farming. He married Elizabeth Schuck, of Turbotville, Northumberland Co., Pa., who was born in that county, and died when past sixty years of age. They had ten children, three of whom are living: Eliza, wife of Jacob St. Clair, of West Point, Nebr.; Henry, a farmer of Montour county; and Jacob.

The Martz (or Mertz) family is quite numerous in Berks county, Pa., where in Longswamp township the first ancestor to come to America from Germany made a settlement. The name is perpetuated there by the town of Mertztown, in Longswamp township, and Mertz's Church in the same section. Johannes Martz (or Maertz), the founder of this family in America, was one of the 242 passengers of the ship "Ann," which sailed from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. He was a son of Johannes Maertz, of Stockhausen, Wurtemberg, about thirty-five miles northwest of Frankfort-on-the-Main, and forty miles northeast of Coblenz, in Germany. Johannes Maertz, the emigrant, landed at Philadelphia Sept. 28, 1749. He settled in the vicinity of Lyons, Berks county, and the church located near his home was named Mertz's Church in honor of him. The births of his first four children are recorded there. On May 24,

1756, he married Rosina Hase, daughter of Melchior Hase. Their children were Johannes, born July 17, 1757; Anna Maria, Dec. 2, 1760; Maria Salome, May 24, 1763; Melchior, April 11, 1765; and Peter, March 9, 1769.

The connection between the above and Jacob Martz, father of Jacob, is not definitely known.

Jacob Martz, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Schuck) Martz, began life as a farm boy, working at home until twenty-two years of age, after which he farmed for himself two years. He then lumbered and hauled timber for twenty-two years, in the pine districts of Montour county. In 1880 he engaged in the livery business at Washingtonville, which he continued to conduct until his death, in April, 1913, and from 1893 he ran the mail stage between Washingtonville and Strawberry Ridge. He was one of the substantial men of the town, and had the thorough confidence of his fellow citizens, who respected him for his useful and industrious life.

Mr. Martz married Clara Snyder, a native of Berks county, Pa., daughter of Henry and Eliza (Kelichner) Snyder, the former the original proprietor of the Washingtonville gristmill, which he built, and which is the only industrial plant in the place. Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Martz: Alice is the wife of Joseph Warner, of Norristown, Pa., and has six children; Miley is the widow of A. Gault and lives with her mother in Washingtonville; Mazie is married to Harry Hoffman, a farmer of Limestone township, and has two children; Dora is the wife of J. Messersmith, a carpenter, of Pottsville, Pa., and has one child; Edna is the wife of Arren E. Seidel and has five children; Atwood, of Trenton, N. J., is married to Maude Strouse; Clay married Ada Seidel, of Trenton, N. J.; Ilard is at home; Elmer is in Pottsville, Pa.; Isadore is at Trenton, N. J.; two are deceased. This family has been reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church. Politically Mr. Martz was a Democrat.

JOSEPH HENRY SNYDER, puddler, employed by the Reading Iron Company, at Danville, Pa., was born June 3, 1852, at Roaring Creek, in Mayberry township, Montour Co., Pa., son of Alby C. Snyder and grandson of Henry Snyder, natives of Northumberland county. His grandfather was one of the pioneers of that county, and is mentioned in several old documents as a man of substance.

Alby C. Snyder was born in Rush township, Northumberland county, about the year 1822.

He learned the trade of miller, operated a gristmill at Roaring Creek, and also the mill of James Boyd, at Boyd's Station. After two years at the latter place he came to Danville and entered the rolling mill, taking contracts to supply the rail mill with puddle iron. He was compelled later in life to select a less laborious occupation, so he entered the old Cock Robin mill of William Fox, as night watchman. While this mill was being dismantled, to remove the machinery to Colorado, he was injured in helping move some heavy machines, and died later from the effects of this injury.

Mr. Snyder was united in marriage with Agnes Buck, an orphan, and they had the following children: Isaac, born Aug. 3, 1853, died Sept. 26, 1854; Martha, born March 17, 1855, married Bigler D. Moyer, of Danville; Cordelia, born Dec. 28, 1857, married Lafayette Van Gilder; Alvaretta, born May 11, 1860, married George Rowe, of Danville; John F., born Dec. 29, 1862, married Ada Hartman; Esther, twin of John F., died Dec. 21, 1863; Grant Ellsworth, born Aug. 19, 1865, died Aug. 19, 1865.

Politically Alby C. Snyder was a Republican, and he was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church at Danville. He was past president of Washington Camp, No. 35, P. O. S. of A.; a member of Beaver Lodge, No. 132, K. of P.; and of Muncy Lodge, Odd Fellows, of Danville. He died in 1877, and his wife died in November, 1902, at the age of seventy years. Both are buried in the Lutheran graveyard at Danville.

Joseph H. Snyder attended the Hog Hollow schoolhouse near Boyd's Station, Northumberland county, and the graded schools of Danville. At the age of seventeen he entered the employ of Frank P. Stuchell, to learn the trade of painter, but had to give this up during the panic of 1873. He then went to the rolling mill at Danville, and learned the trade of puddler, which he has followed ever since, with the exception of a short term in the Frick nail mill. He has been in the employ of the Reading Iron Company for the last twenty-five years. For a short time he was a member of the Danville police force, and was councilman from the Second ward for three years; he is a Republican in political matters. He has been district deputy of the Odd Fellows fraternity, being a member of Myrtle Lodge, No. 858, Danville, of which he is a past grand. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, and has been librarian of the Sunday school.

Mr. Snyder married Flora Ravilla Hughes,

daughter of George Alexander and Barbara (Snyder) Hughes, and they have had children as follows: Alby Herbert, born Jan. 30, 1875, died in infancy; Harry E., born Aug. 20, 1879, married Minnie Gump, and has one child, Florence Ella, born May 7, 1912; Ella Ravilla was born Oct. 30, 1883; Clyde Eugene Hughes, born Jan. 30, 1885, married Desna Hughes and has one child, Gretchen Ravilla, born Dec. 28, 1910.

Flora Ravilla Hughes, wife of J. H. Snyder, was born Aug. 16, 1856, in Butler township, Luzerne county, was educated in the country schools, and after her father's death went to live with her grandfather until her marriage. Jacob Hughes, her grandfather, came to America from England when five years old with his parents, who settled in Butler township, Luzerne county. He became a sawyer and contractor, cutting mine props for Cecil Pardee and George B. Markle, from their timber lands, and shipping the bark to the tanneries in Reading. About ten years before his death he retired to live in Danville, where he passed away at the age of eighty-eight years. His wife died at the age of seventy-five, and both are at rest in St. John's cemetery, in Luzerne county. He was an active Republican, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and belonged to the Odd Fellows Order. He married Susanna Daut, and they had these children: George Alexander; Hetty, wife of Charles Reed, of Minnesota; Mary, wife of John Shaffer, of Easton, Pa.; Angeline, wife of O. B. Churchill, of Elizabeth, N. J.; Evan, living in Everett, Wash.; Thomas, who married Anne Edwards, and lives in Elizabeth, N. J.; Catherine, wife of William Jones; Minnie, wife of William Wilson, of Edwardsville, Luzerne county; Alice, wife of Wesley Hess, of Elizabeth, N. J.; and Jacob and William, who died in infancy.

George Alexander Hughes, father of Mrs. J. H. Snyder, was born in Butler township, Luzerne county, about 1831, and died in 1863, after a protracted illness of two years. He was a teacher and bookkeeper. He married Barbara, daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Moharter) Snyder, and their children were: Flora Ravilla, mentioned above; Charles F.; and Martha Ella, widow of David Getkin, living in Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Hughes was a Republican, a member of the Odd Fellows, and of the Presbyterian Church. He is buried in the cemetery of St. John's Church, in Butler township, Luzerne county. His widow married Philip Shultz, son of John and Catharine (Fisher) Shultz, who died at the age of thirty-

five; they had no children. Mr. Shultz was a fireman on the Pennsylvania railroad, and was killed at the weighing scales near Shamokin, Pa. After his decease Mrs. Shultz lived with her children in Harrisburg until her death, at the age of seventy-two. She is buried in the graveyard of the Lutheran Church on Pine street, Danville, of which she was a member.

JOHN WELLER, of Anthony township, Montour county, now living retired, was for many years engaged in farming at the place where he now resides with his daughter, and to which he came about forty-seven years ago. He was born March 25, 1831, in Berks county, Pa., son of Peter Weller, also a native of Berks county. Peter Weller farmed all his life in that county, where he died. He married Susanna Drellinger, of Berks county, and they had a family of nine children, seven sons and two daughters, of whom John is the only survivor.

John Weller had rather limited educational advantages. The schools were scarce and not conducted regularly, and his help was needed at home. From the time he was ten years old, after his mother died, he hired out to do farm work, continuing thus until his marriage, which occurred in Berks county. Then he came to Northumberland county, located near Turbotville, and began farming on his own account. Thence in 1867 he came to his present home in Anthony township, and he cultivated the property until he sold it to his daughter and son in 1911, since when he has lived retired, making his home with them. Mr. Weller was an industrious and capable worker, and he was considered one of the useful citizens of the township in his active years, having served many terms on the school board, in whose work he has always taken especial interest. Politically he is a Republican. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and holds membership in same at Turbotville.

In August, 1853, Mr. Weller was married to Esther Maul, who was born in Berks county, Pa., March 26, 1831, daughter of George and Elizabeth (Deisher) Maul, and died Jan. 8, 1911, in Montour county. They had a family of eleven children born to them, viz.: Elizabeth, born March 10, 1855, died in April, 1910. She married James T. Magill, of Danville, Pa., who is also deceased, and they had a family of five children, Frank, John, Elizabeth, Esther and James. Jacob, born July 28, 1856, died Nov. 10, 1909; he married Sarah Albeck, and to their union were born Mary, Charles, Cora,

John, Daniel, Elizabeth, Mabel and Samuel. Susan, born Jan. 28, 1858, died in August, 1882. Harry, born June 21, 1859, is engaged as a manufacturer of dining room and library tables in North Carolina; he married Sarah Hester, of Watsonstown, Pa., and they have had four children, Grace, Ivy, Warren (deceased) and Nelson. Sarah Ann, born Oct. 8, 1861, a trained nurse, graduate of the Philadelphia Homeopathic School, still makes her home at the old place. Esther, born Feb. 2, 1863, died May 18, 1905; she was the wife of Edward Beers and had children, Susan, Anna, Ruth, and Amy (deceased). James, born July 22, 1864, now of Montgomery, Pa., married Hannah Miller, and they have four children, Lester, George, Esther and Benjamin. Anna, born May 10, 1866, is the wife of Edward M. Reeder, of Turbotville, Pa., and has three children, Merling, Charles and Henrietta. John, born June 21, 1867, died at the age of six years. Emma, born May 27, 1869, is the wife of Albert P. Kolby, of Baltimore, Md., and has eight children, John, Rufus, Marguerite, Conrad, Casper, Edna, Esther and Sydney. George, born June 13, 1891, is married to Maud Fleming and lives at Johnstown, Pa.; they have no children.

ISAAC C. LEE, who is well known in business circles at Danville and other points in that part of Pennsylvania, has been in the photographic line in this borough for the past twenty-four years. He was born at Pottsville, Pa., Oct. 21, 1860, son of Ralph R. Lee and a grandson of Richard Henry Lee.

The ancestry is English in both paternal and maternal lines. The grandfather, Richard Henry Lee, was born in England. Prior to coming to the United States he was a coal operator, and during the whole of his subsequent life was mainly interested in the mining of coal as an owner and producer. He was one of the pioneer coal men of Pottsville. His first employer in that city was Benjamin Haywood, in whose rolling mills he acted as bookkeeper for a time. Afterward he bought a mine at Shenandoah, naming it the Lee mine, which he operated, but continued to maintain his home at Pottsville. In England he had married Martha Fletcher, and they had the following children: Rioly F.; Ralph R.; Isabella, who married Lieutenant Russell, of the United States army; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Snyder; Martha, who married Daniel Miller; Richard Henry, who married a sister of Hon. Charlemagne Tower, ambassador to Germany; and Fletcher, who died

when twenty years old. In politics Mr. Lee was a Republican. He and his wife were members of Trinity Episcopal Church at Pottsville, and they are buried in the Charles Baker cemetery there.

Ralph R. Lee, son of Richard Henry Lee, was six months old when his parents came to the United States. He attended school in Pottsville and then learned the machinist's trade in the Snyder foundry there, some years later acting as foreman of the shop for a few years. After the Civil war he went into business at Port Carbon, his foundry and machine shop being known as the Allison Iron Works. Later he moved to Mahanoy City, where he was in the same business, operating under the firm style of Lee & Wren, who owned and worked their own mines also, for eighteen years. Subsequently he became manager of the Reading Coal & Iron Company's shops, and at the time of death was superintendent of that important concern.

Ralph R. Lee served under two enlistments in the war between the States. First he was captain of Company B, 53d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry (militia, known as the Scott Rifles), and when he re-enlisted became lieutenant of Company G, 39th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was honorably discharged Aug. 2, 1863. Mr. Lee joined Gowan Post, No. 23, G. A. R., at Pottsville, of which he was a valued member. He voted with the Republican party, but was never active in politics. His death occurred July 26, 1893, when he was almost fifty-eight years old.

Mr. Lee married Mary E. Cook, daughter of Isaac and Matilda (Schoener) Cook, and they had the following children: Alfred Edward, who married Elizabeth Keller, resides at Orwigsburg, Pa.; Ida is the wife of Thomas Chapman, of Naugatuck, Conn.; Matilda, who is the widow of John Thomas, lives at Elizabeth, N. J.; Richard H. is a resident of Oregon; Isaac C. is mentioned below; Monroe C., who is a resident of Connecticut, married Rebecca Linn, now deceased; Martha resides in New Jersey, the wife of Augustus Sharplie; George Fletcher is station agent at Douglassville, Pa.; Mary Elizabeth, of Elizabeth, N. J., is the widow of James Murray; Caroline lives at Pottsville; Bessie died at the age of three years; Ralph R. is a resident of Pottsville; Nellie is the wife of John Beach, of New Brighton, Pa.; Teenie is the wife of Alexander Benny, of Pittsburgh, Pa. After the death of the father the mother built a residence at Port Carbon and made her home there until her death, which occurred when she was



aged seventy-two years. Both parents are buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Pottsville.

Isaac C. Lee was educated in the schools of Mahanoy City. He early displayed an artistic taste which led him to learn photography, spending three years under the instruction of David Bowman, at Mahanoy City. Later he went to Louisville, Ky., where he formed a partnership with Henry Doerr, and they carried on business for eighteen months, their work being interrupted by an outbreak of yellow fever, causing Mr. Lee to return North. He then went into the photographic business for himself, at Mahanoy City. Two years later he removed to Evansville, Ind., where he bought stock in the Sunnyside mine and was weigh boss of same for three years. Turning his stock over to his brother, Mr. Lee then went to Duluth, and from there to Tower, Minn., where for eight months he was with the Minnesota Iron Works, at test-pitting.

It is quite possible that by this time Mr. Lee was tired of coal and iron works and felt that a season of travel would do him good and instruct and inspire him for further photographic work, and during the three years that he went at his will from place to place he no doubt satisfied himself as to what path he should further follow, having perfected himself in the modern methods of the profession. At Iron Mountain, Mich., he became associated in the photographic business with Bjorgan Eskill, under the firm name of Eskill & Lee, and remained there for three years. In 1890 he came to Danville and opened his studio, and his choice of a business field has been abundantly justified.

Mr. Lee has demonstrated that he is a man of personal courage. He was a member of Company C, 7th Regiment, Pennsylvania Militia, under Capt. John Schoener and Colonel Caldwell, of Sunbury, and during the great railroad strike in 1877 was sent to Pittsburgh. He did guard duty in the railroad roundhouse and participated effectively in several skirmishes.

In 1892 Mr. Lee was married to Lulu Titel, who was born Feb. 21, 1874, daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth (Williams) Titel. They have four children: Lewis, born Jan. 28, 1899; Frances, July 21, 1900; Ralph, Jan. 14, 1905; and Robert E., Sept. 2, 1907.

Mr. Lee belongs to the Progressive branch of the Republican party. He is associated with Iron Mountain Lodge, No. 388, F. & A. M., of Iron Mountain, Mich. His religious connection is with Mahoning Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM EDWIN WILLIAMS, of Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., at present Local Engineer with the American Car and Foundry Company, has acquired most of his professional experience in practically the same employ. That is to say, he has been with the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company and the American Car & Foundry Company in turn since 1898—shortly after he settled in Berwick. After demonstrating his efficiency in more than one department he was placed in his present responsibilities. Mr. Williams has made a thorough study of the requirements of the plant, and he has executive ability which supplements his all-around mechanical knowledge, a combination of faculties thoroughly appreciated by his employers.

Mr. Williams's great-grandfather, Evan Williams, was born Sept. 30, 1780, and came of old Breton stock. He lived in Flintshire, North Wales, at a place called Welshpool, and belonged to the landed gentry, his estate being known as Ellsmoor, and there his son John T. Williams was born Dec. 12, 1808. Evan Williams married Mary Taylor, who was born Sept. 14, 1786, and died April 28, 1859; he died Feb. 10, 1837.

John T. Williams, son of Evan, was the first ancestor in America. He was engaged in the iron business. On Dec. 9, 1834, he married Mary Ann Maybury, who was born Feb. 3, 1817, a daughter of Thomas and Mary (Morris) Maybury, who died in Danville, he on May 30, 1872, she Feb. 13, 1871. Mrs. Williams passed away July 8, 1856, Mr. Williams surviving until Aug. 7, 1866. Their children were born as follows: William Maybury, Feb. 8, 1836 (died Jan. 9, 1842); Maria Elizabeth, April 4, 1837 (died Aug. 31, 1842); John Thomas, Sept. 15, 1838 (died June 26, 1842); Sarah Ann, Nov. 6, 1840, died Jan. 28, 1907 (married George Kinn); Mary Eliza, March 30, 1842 (died Aug. 21, 1842); Joseph Henry, Aug. 6, 1843 (died Sept. 15, 1843); James Knox Polk, Dec. 11, 1845 (died Dec. 27, 1890; married Sarah Keim); Richard H., April 11, 1847 (died Oct. 7, 1891); Emma Jane, Nov. 23, 1853 (died Sept. 24, 1855).

Richard H. Williams was born April 11, 1847, at Haverstraw, N. Y. He came to Danville when the family settled there, and here his early years were spent. Upon reaching manhood he worked in the rolling mills there and at Harrisburg. In 1873 he came to Berwick, where he helped to build and start the rolling mill. He returned to Danville for a time, coming back to Berwick in 1877, and was engaged in the same occupation until his



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death, which occurred Oct. 7, 1891. By his marriage (which took place Feb. 12, 1867) to Hannah Maria Thornton, born in 1845, who survived until Nov. 14, 1913, he had the following children: William Edwin; Walter, who died young and is buried in Harrisburg; Mary, Mrs. F. W. Bush; Gertrude, Mrs. C. C. Paden; and Rozella B., Mrs. Robert Allen Carse, of Berwick. The father was a member of the Episcopal Church, the mother a Presbyterian in religious connection. He belonged to Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and was associated with the Democratic party on political issues.

Michael Thornton, the paternal great-grandfather of Mrs. Richard H. Williams, emigrated from England before the Revolution and settled near Valley Forge, Pa. After the war he moved and settled five miles south of Bloomsburg, where he died. His five children were as follows: Edward married Ruth Willets; James married Sarah Jackson; Michael married Rachel Cliffe; Nancy married James Evans; Ruth married Samuel Willits.

Michael Thornton, son of Michael, married Rachel Cliffe, and had the following children: Edward married Leah Ernst; Benjamin married Mary Hazlett; Isaiah married Barbara Ernst; Nancy married William Henrie; Tamar married Benjamin Alward; Hannah married Alem Marr; Peggy did not marry.

Isaiah Thornton, born in 1814, was a business man at Danville, engaged in the shoe trade, and died Dec. 11, 1860. His wife, Barbara (Ernst), born in 1816, daughter of Christian and Elizabeth (Washburn) Ernst, died in 1885, aged sixty-nine years. They had children as follows: Leah Ann married George E. Hunt; Mary Margaret married Will H. Smith; Hannah Maria married Richard H. Williams; Michael Grier married Elizabeth Taylor and (second) Clara Taylor; Lewis Cass married Caroline Kindt; Eva died young; John Yeomans married Ellen E. Leahy; Rozella married Deozra Taylor.

William Edwin Williams was born at Harrisburg, Pa., July 29, 1869. He obtained his preliminary schooling at Berwick, graduating from high school under the principalship of Miss Amelia Armstrong, and later took a course at Bucknell University. He took up the profession of civil engineer, engaging in a general engineering business, and being elected city engineer of Huntington, W. Va. Returning to Berwick in 1898, he worked as draftsman for the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, which in

1899 became the American Car & Foundry Company. In 1902 he was transferred from the mechanical to the steel car department, being stationed at Detroit, Mich., to learn the designing of dies. Coming back to Berwick he was given a place as draftsman in the steel car department; in 1905 was made Assistant Engineer. In 1913 he was appointed Local Engineer, the position he now fills. His duties are varied and responsible, but he has measured up to them and is acquitting himself creditably. Mr. Williams has recently been elected to membership in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. His fraternal connections are with the Berwick Council, No. 1761, Royal Arcanum, and Lodge No. 246, I. O. O. F., of Berwick. He is an Episcopalian in religion, a member of Christ Episcopal Church, which he is serving as vestryman.

Mr. Williams has done much in the laying out of lots in the various additions to Berwick, principally North Berwick. He laid out the entire development of the Berwick Land & Improvement Company, which comprises a large part of West Berwick.

Mr. Williams married Martha Isabel Wyatt, of Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 23, 1897, and they have one son, Wyatt Edwin, born Nov. 19, 1906.

The Wyatt family, to which Mrs. Williams belongs, is of historic Colonial and Revolutionary stock. George Wyatt, father of her emigrant ancestor, was born in England, a grandson of Sir Thomas Wyatt, courtier, statesman and poet, who was born in Kent in 1502 and died Oct. 10, 1542, at Sherborne, Dorsetshire. He was sent by Henry VIII on various diplomatic missions. He wrote the first English sonnets, and his poems were printed with Surrey's in 1557.

Sir Thomas Wyatt, "The Younger," was born about 1520, and was executed at Tower Hill, London, April 11, 1554. He commanded at Boulogne, and with the Duke of Suffolk led the unsuccessful insurrection against Queen Mary, and in favor of Lady Jane Grey, in 1553-54. In February, 1554, he led the men of Kent against London, was captured, and forfeited his life. A play on the subject by Webster and Dekker, called "The Famous History of Sir Thomas Wyatt," was printed in 1607.

George Wyatt, son of Sir Thomas, "The Younger," was the father of Rev. Haute Wyatt and of Sir Francis Wyatt (ancestors of Mrs. Williams), the latter bringing the first Colonial charter to Jamestown, Va., and under

its provisions becoming the first governor of the Colony in 1621. By his first wife, Elizabeth, Rev. Mr. Wyatt had three children, Thomas, George and Edward. His second wife, Ann, was the mother of two children, Anna and John.

John Wyatt, grandson of Rev. Haute Wyatt, born in 1684 in Gloucester county, Va., married Jennie Pamplin in 1711, and had nine children by this union: William, born in 1713, who married Elizabeth Eggleston; John, who died young; Ann, who married John Starke; Richard, of the direct line to Mrs. Williams; Mary, who married Capt. Henry Gilbert; Thomas; Henry; Lucy, who married Captain Mills; and John, who married Elizabeth Smith and (second) Ann Starke.

Richard Wyatt, son of John, born May 20, 1720, died in November, 1803. His marriage to Amy Chiles took place Nov. 17, 1752, and they had a large family, of which we have the following record: Mary married William Peatross; Sarah married Matthew Thompson and (second) Austin McGhee; Lucy married James Hawkins; Nancy married Anthony New; Joseph died young; Richard (maternal great-grandfather of Mrs. Williams), born Jan. 1, 1762, married Nancy Ware Dec. 8, 1796, and died June 12, 1845, surviving his wife, who passed away April 17, 1838; Walter was united in marriage with Elizabeth Brame and (second) a Mrs. Bliss; John married Lucy Richardson and (second) Mrs. Patsy Harris; Barbara married Overton Harris; William S. (paternal great-grandfather of Mrs. Williams) married Polly New and (second) Susan Minor.

William S. Wyatt, born Aug. 2, 1775, died Jan. 24, 1839. By his first marriage, Nov. 12, 1801, to Polly, born Oct. 27, 1779, daughter of Col. Anthony and Mary (Anderson) New, he had two children: William Richard Baynham, mentioned below; and Virginia, wife of Hugh Chandler. On Nov. 11, 1813, Mr. Wyatt married (second) Susan Minor, by whom he also had two children: John, who married Emma Doggett, and Elizabeth, who married John G. Coleman.

William Richard Baynham Wyatt was a native of Caroline county, Va., born Jan. 16, 1809, and died May 29, 1878. He was a justice of the peace and member of the legislature. His first wife, Martha Frances (Scott), whom he married Sept. 5, 1832, was born Dec. 22, 1814, a daughter of Robert and Ann (Coleman) Scott, and a granddaughter of Robert and Hannah (Brunskill) Scott, who

were from Scotland. She died May 19, 1847. His second wife was Isabel Adelaide Scott, born April 12, 1823, died June 30, 1898. Six children were born of the first union; Richard W., who married Elizabeth Eubank; Joseph Marion; William, who died young; Mary Virginia, deceased when young; Ann Eliza, who died in 1904; and Thomas Barton, who married Anna Leake, of North Carolina. By his second marriage there were three daughters: Virginia, Margaret and Willie.

Richard Wyatt, previously listed with the children of Richard and Amy (Chiles) Wyatt, was born Jan. 1, 1762, and died June 12, 1845. He served creditably in the Revolutionary war, leaving school and enlisting at the early age of fourteen. On Dec. 8, 1796, he was married to Nancy Ware, daughter of Capt. John Ware and his wife Ann (Harrison) Ware. Their children were: Elizabeth, who married Rev. Robert Wilkinson; Anne Harrison, who married Samuel A. Guy; Richard Ware, who married Harriet King Harris; and Sarah Chiles, who was the second wife of Samuel A. Guy.

Richard Ware Wyatt, born Dec. 22, 1806, died May 24, 1881. He was colonel of the Virginia militia, and prominently identified with the Whig party of the same State in politics. On Sept. 19, 1833, he was married to Harriet K. Harris (born Nov. 16, 1811, died Oct. 8, 1887).

Their children were as follows: Martha Ann, who married Theodore H. Woodard; Richard Overton, who died while in the service as a surgeon in the Confederate army; James Walter, major in the Confederate army and killed at the battle of Cold Harbor; Evalina Harris; Alice Elizabeth; Ida May (born May 1, 1846, died April 29, 1904), who married Joseph Marion Wyatt; Mary Nelson; and Kate Harrison, who married Samuel E. Wilson and (second) Rev. John W. Lea.

Joseph Marion Wyatt, father of Mrs. Williams, was born April 24, 1838, and died Aug. 20, 1891. He went to Emory and Henry College, in his native State, after which he settled in Caroline county. For a number of years he was agent at Huntington, W. Va., for the Adams Express Company. His religious connection was with the Episcopal Church. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Knights of Honor. He served during the entire period of the Civil war, 1861-1865, in Company E, 30th Regiment, Virginia Infantry, which was attached to Pickett's division. On March 9, 1870, Mr. Wyatt married Ida May Wyatt, who was born May 1, 1846, and died April 27,

1904. They are buried at Huntington, W. Va. Four children were born to them: Harriet James, wife of Henry St. C. Washington; Martha Isabel, Mrs. William Edwin Williams; Ida Marion; and William Richard.

PHILIP H. FOUST, general agent at Danville for the Reading Railroad Company, in whose employ he has been for the last forty years, was born at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., March 1, 1858, son of Philip A. Foust.

Philip Foust, his grandfather, was born in Berks county, Pa. He emigrated thence to Northumberland county, Pa., and his homestead there, known as Foustown, is included in the site of the present city of Milton.

Philip A. Foust, son of Philip Foust, was born in Berks county, Pa., and died in 1905, aged seventy-six years. During his boyhood he worked on his father's farm in the vicinity of Milton. Coming to Danville he became a driver for the brewery operated by Charles Matchin, now the property of the Germania Brewing Company, and later Mr. Foust bought out his employer and managed the brewery himself until he sold it. In 1858 he built a hotel opposite the Reading railroad station, and in connection therewith also erected a small brewery adjoining, and continued to operate the latter until his death, although he retired from the hotel business in 1900.

Philip A. Foust married Mary A. Strausser, who was born in Columbia county, Pa., daughter of H. Strausser, and granddaughter of John Strausser. Mr. and Mrs. Foust became the parents of the following children: H. L., who is a resident of Danville, Pa.; Emma, who married F. Heller, of Danville; Conley W., of Danville; Heister, of Danville; Alice; Curry W., of Danville; Clara, who is the wife of W. Godfrey; Elizabeth, who is the wife of John Buckley, of Danville; and Philip H.

Philip H. Foust when only fourteen years old began learning telegraphy, and as soon as competent took a position with the Reading Railroad Company, entering its service in 1874. In 1879 he was promoted to clerk and day operator, and held that position until October, 1890, when he was made a general agent, and has since been retained in that capacity, being now the oldest employee of the company in this section. He is certainly one of the most faithful and competent.

In 1880 Mr. Foust was united in marriage with Marjory V. Fields, who was born at Danville in July, 1861, a daughter of John L. and Cecilia (Devers) Fields, the former in the employ of the rolling mills at Danville.

Mrs. Fields died in February, 1911. Mr. and Mrs. Foust are the parents of the following children: Stella May married Frank E. Kear, who is a foreman in the Danville silk mills; Philip G., who is a stenographer, is with his father; Grace C. is at home. Mr. Foust was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church. He belongs to the blue lodge, F. & A. M., of Danville, the Improved Order of Heptasophs and the P. & R. Railway Veteran Association. Having been connected with the Reading road all of his business life, Mr. Foust is naturally very much attached to its interests, and has reason to feel satisfied with his efforts, for he knows he has worked conscientiously and that his work has been appreciated not only by his employers, but by the traveling public as well.

WILLIAM F. P. CHILDS, chief engineer at the Danville Structural Tubing Works, Danville, Pa., was born May 13, 1852, in Danville, son of Charles W. and Mary E. (Super) Childs.

The Childs family is one of the oldest in Danville, and was founded in Pennsylvania by the paternal grandfather of William F. P. Childs, who served as a Continental soldier during the war of the Revolution, first volunteering for service and later being drafted.

Charles W. Childs, father of William F. P. Childs, was born at Frosty Valley, in Cooper township, Montour county. As a young man he came to Danville, where for more than thirty-five years he was a clerk in the Waterman & Beaver Company store, subsequently becoming a boss in the rolling mills of that company. His death occurred at the age of seventy-five years. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and was highly esteemed by his fellow-citizens, who elected him to the office of constable. Mr. Childs married Mary E. Super, who was born in New Jersey and accompanied her father, Andrew Super, a farmer, to Snyder county, Pa. Four children were born to this union: William F. P.; Mary E., whose home is at Harrisburg, Pa.; Anna, who is the wife of Harvey Buck, of Harrisburg; and Charles N., who resides at Danville.

William F. P. Childs, son of Charles W. Childs, received a public school education, following which he spent three years in a brickyard and sixteen years at railroad work in Danville. Subsequently he passed two years in working on the canal, but returned to railroading, in which he continued to be engaged until 1902. That year he became connected with the Structural Tubing Works as engineer,

and has since risen to the position of chief. He is a steady, industrious and thoroughly competent man, and has the full confidence of his employers and the respect of his men.

In 1885 Mr. Childs was married to Emma E. Ross, who was born in her present home in Danville, which was erected more than one hundred years ago, daughter of John and Lydia (Lauteschlager) Ross, the former of whom was born in Northumberland county and spent his life in rafting on the river and in the canal service; in his latter days he engaged in butchering and fishing. There were seven children in the Ross family, namely: Frank P.; Margaret M., wife of Joseph Geringer; Mary E., who married Peter Schutt, of Milton, Pa.; Emma E., who married Mr. Childs; John, Jr.; Martha, who is a widow; and George Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Childs have had no children. They attend the Pine Street Lutheran Church, and their lives have been such as to win the respect and esteem of all with whom they have come into contact. Mr. Childs is a member of Mahoning Tribe, No. 77, Improved Order of Red Men.

B. W. JAMES, general merchant and farmer of Mooresburg, Montour Co., Pa., was born at Danville, same county, June 6, 1855, son of Joseph and Mary Ann (Watkins) James.

John James, the paternal grandfather of B. W. James, was a native of England, and came to the United States about the time of the closing of the war of 1812-14. He married Sarah White, and in their later years they returned to their native land, where he died; his wife came back to Danville, where she passed away.

Joseph James, father of B. W. James, was a Londoner, and was seven years of age when he accompanied his parents to America. Reared to habits of industry, he developed into a sturdy, energetic man, capable of handling the problems which his business brought before him, evidence of which is shown in the rock tunneling work for which he contracted all through Montour county and which still stands as a monument to his skill. He was a plain, hard-headed business man, but did not foresee the great development that was to be made in this section, and at one time refused an offer to purchase for a small sum the property that is now included between Mill and Canal streets, in Danville. He always held the respect of his fellow citizens and those who were associated in business with him, and died as he had lived—an honest, God-

fearing man. His death occurred in 1872, when he was sixty-five years of age. Mr. James married Mary Ann Watkins, who was born in England, and she died in 1910, when eighty-two years of age. She was the daughter of Jennings and Mary (Smart) Watkins, who came to Williamsport, Pa., from their native Britain, and here spent the remainder of their lives. Of the children of Joseph and Mary Ann James, four are living: B. W.; Mrs. Myrtle Askins; Mary Ann, the wife of C. D. Lerch; and Grace, wife of Edward Leopold.

B. W. James, son of Joseph James, received a common school education, and for some years was engaged in the vocation followed by his father. He eventually embarked in the general merchandise business at Mooresburg, and still follows that occupation, although he also devotes some of his time and attention to farming. He has made a success of his ventures and is classed among the substantial, progressive men of his community. A stalwart Republican in political matters, he served as postmaster of Mooresburg from 1888 until 1906. With his family he attends the Grove Presbyterian Church at Danville.

Mr. James was married to Elizabeth Edwards, who was born in England July 29, 1864, and was brought to this country when three years of age by her parents, David and Sarah (Hopkins) Edwards. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. James: Joseph W. married Rebecca Ritter, and has three children, Lyman, Florence and Joseph Orville; Bartholomew J., who resides in Sunbury, married Ursula Bitler, daughter of Dr. Benjamin E. Bitler, of Pottsgrove, Pa.; David, who married Emma Lose, lives at Sunbury, Pa.; John and Chester are both at home.

NICHOLAS HAYDEN, who is numbered among the highly esteemed residents of Danville, Pa., was born in the borough, and is a son of John and Margaret (Quinlan) Hayden.

Nicholas Hayden, the grandfather of Nicholas Hayden, was born at Ballyhane, in the parish of Affane, County Waterford, Ireland, was educated in the parish school, and as a youth learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed until within a few years of his death. He married Bridget Mahoney, and they became the parents of the following children: John, the father of Nicholas; Michael, deceased, who married Catherine McCaffery, and lived in New York City; James; and Catherine, who married John Brown, of New York City, and had a family of twelve children. Nicholas Hayden married for his second

wife Catherine Burns, and they had one daughter, Mary, who was educated in the schools of Dublin, Ireland, and lived to reach advanced years. Mr. Hayden and his two wives were laid to rest in the cemetery of the parish of Affane. All were consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church.

John Hayden, the father of Nicholas Hayden, was born Dec. 6, 1824, at Ballyhane, and secured an ordinary educational training in the parish school. Like thousands of others of his countrymen, he decided that more liberal opportunities awaited him in the land across the waters, and accordingly, as a young man, came to the United States, whither his brother Michael had preceded him and had secured employment as bookkeeper for a dry goods concern. Mr. Hayden went at once from Castle Garden to the place of his brother's employment, secured a horse and dray, and was given the contract to do all the hauling for the dry goods house, work at which he continued until after his marriage. He then went to New Brighton, Staten Island, for a short period, but returned to New York City, and not long afterward moved to Danville, Pa., traveling by rail to Pottsville and completing the journey by stage line. He arrived at the old "Cross Keys Hotel," and found Danville a straggling village. Mr. Hayden secured employment in the iron mills of Grove Brothers, as a heater helper. Later he was given the position of "lighter up," his duties being to light the furnaces, and continued in the same mills under the successive ownerships of Waterman & Beaver and the Reading Iron Company. Mr. Hayden's first residence in Danville was at No. 6 Mill street, in one of Grove Brothers' houses, where he remained a short time, and then moved to the present home of his widow and son Nicholas, at the corner of Bloom and Church streets, in his time known as "Hayden's corner." Prior to the Civil war and for some time thereafter Mr. Hayden conducted a tavern in the building Nicholas Hayden now resides in, this being known as the "Union House." The patronage of this hotel was drawn principally from among the English, Scotch, Welsh, Irish and German people who lived in that section, for the greater part skilled men who had been imported for work in the mills. The ore teams coming from Pursell's Slope also stopped at this hostelry for refreshment. After conducting the hotel for some years Mr. Hayden disposed of his interest therein and returned to the mill, in which he continued to be employed until a few years before his death,

which occurred in December, 1893. He was a Democrat in politics, a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and a man widely known and highly respected. He was buried in St. Joseph's cemetery.

Mrs. Margaret (Quinlan) Hayden, the mother of Nicholas Hayden, was born at Ballyhane, County Waterford, Ireland, March 17, 1829, daughter of Edward Quinlan, who was born at the same place. He was a farmer by vocation, continuing as a tiller of the soil all of his life, was a member of the Roman Catholic Church at Ballyhane, and is buried by the side of his wife at Affane. Edward Quinlan married Mary Jacobs, and they became the parents of the following children: Michael, who came to this country in young manhood and traveled extensively in the iron districts, working as a puddler, married Lydia Treas, and both are deceased, his death occurring in New Jersey; Joanna was the wife of John Morrissey, of East Walpole, Mass. (both are now deceased), and had four children, Patrick J., Thomas, Edward, all living at Canton, Mass., and Margaret (deceased); Margaret was the mother of Nicholas Hayden; Patrick emigrated to America and was last heard from in Covington, Ky.; Ellen, who never came to America, married Michael Hogan (both are deceased), and had two children—John and Ellen, both living in New York City; James, employed with his sons at the railroad terminal of the Dungarvan & Cappoquin railroad, at Waterford City, Ireland, married Mary Cullen, and has five children, Edward, Michael, John, Margaret and Joanna; Edward remained in Ireland, where his widow still lives, at Ballyhane, their children being Minnie (living in New York City), Ella and Joanna (both living in Affane), Edward, Michael and John (all three deceased), and Mary (who married John Brown, and lives in Chicago). John Brown, husband of Mary Quinlan, came from the old parish of Ring, in Dungarvan, County Waterford, Ireland. He and his wife Mary had three children, one son a priest, the other a conductor and the daughter a stenographer.

Mrs. Hayden was a young girl when she emigrated to the United States, taking passage on a ship of the Black Ball line and after a rough voyage of eight weeks reaching Castle Garden, where Mr. Hayden awaited her. They were immediately married. In Danville Mrs. Hayden, with a number of other villagers, came up to what is now Bloom street crossing to see the first wood-burning locomotive that passed through Danville, owned by the old



Catawissa Railroad Company, now the Philadelphia & Reading. She has been living at her present address for more than fifty years and has seen wonderful changes take place in this thriving borough. Widely known, she has a host of friends, attracted to her by her many excellencies of mind and heart. In her younger days she was very popular as a jig dancer and much sought after, being a great favorite at all the Irish picnics held in those times. She was also an expert needlewoman, and at a fair held on the grounds now occupied by St. Joseph's Catholic Church won a premium for having made the finest quilt on exhibition, a "Star of the West" pattern quilt. She and her husband were the parents of six children, as follows: Nicholas; Mary Ann, who died young; James, who married Sophia Beyer, of St. Paul, Minn.; Catherine; Annie, who married Emile John Le Duc; and Margaret, who died in 1881, at the age of about twelve years.

Nicholas Hayden secured his education in the old Third ward schoolhouse in Danville, of which Mr. Mervine was principal, and at Professor Kelso's private school, which he attended for several terms. His first employment, while still a schoolboy, was at cleaning bricks, when the Grove Presbyterian church was being torn down, and subsequently he was engaged at general work in the mills of Waterman & Beaver. Mr. Hayden made a trip to Baltimore with Charles Mottern, on the Pennsylvania canal, on the boat "Wilderness," Samuel Stahl being the boatman. But boating did not appeal to him and he later secured a position with the National Iron Company, at the old Cock Robin mill, piling iron for a short time. Following this Mr. Hayden hooked up the three high rolls in the National Iron Works for George Rowe, after which he was employed by the Glendower Iron Company, dragging out six-inch iron with Wesley Hollobaugh and C. P. Harder, also running the buggy for a short time in the same mill. Then he left Danville for the West, going to St. Paul, Minn., where he became engaged in theatrical work, for some time as a variety performer, and later as a member of the Thurston Stock Company, with which he spent a couple of years on the road. He then found a position with the St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad Company as car sealer, his duties including taking the numbers and initials of cars. While holding this position he took a course in the St. Paul Business College, and when he changed entered the employ of the Stillwater, Taylor Falls & Western Rail-

road Company, doing clerical work in the various departments of the general office. Going out to Seattle, Wash., he became general agent for the Portland, Seattle & Puget Sound Railroad Company. After twenty-seven years spent in railroading, in various capacities, Mr. Hayden returned to Danville on April 18, 1906, and since that time has led a retired life. He is a Republican on national issues, but in local affairs is inclined to be independent, relying upon his own judgment in the selection of candidates, and at all times has shown a desire to aid his community, in various ways. He is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. His wide circle of friends testifies to his general popularity.

James Hayden, brother of Nicholas Hayden, was educated in the Third ward school, and when a young man became a section hand on the Catawissa railroad, being subsequently employed in the same capacity on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western. He then secured a position in the rail mill of Waterman & Beaver, his first work being the charging of the furnaces, with John Dennen. He was later employed as heater helper, and his faithful and efficient work gained him promotion to heater. Mr. Hayden continued to work at the mill for some time after learning the trade. Going then to Pittsburgh, he secured a position as heater in the Pittsburgh Rolling Mills, where he remained one year, and when he left that plant went to St. Paul, Minn., and became checker in the railroad warehouse of the Minneapolis & St. Louis Railroad Company. Eventually he entered the detective service of that line and rose to the position of inspector.

Mr. Hayden was married to Sophia Beyer, and they have become the parents of the following children: Elizabeth, a milliner and dressmaker, who plays the pipe organ at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, St. Paul, Minn.; Margaret, a stenographer, who has much talent as a violinist; John, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, a machinist by trade, and a talented musician, playing cornet and being the leader of the Ancient Order of Hibernians band and Hilliard's orchestra; and twins who died in infancy. Mr. Hayden is independent in his political views. He is a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at St. Paul, and he and Mrs. Hayden are consistent members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of that city.

DAVIS L. GUEST selected for his occupation one of the oldest and most useful trades, that of carpenter, and by putting into his work

all the energy and initiative of which he was capable has reached the topmost round of success. He was born Aug. 20, 1843, in East Nantmeal township, Chester Co., Pa., son of John Guest, also a native of that county.

John Guest was educated in the schools of East Nantmeal township, and served an apprenticeship to the trade of stonemason, which he followed up to within five years of his death. He retired in 1892 and thereafter resided with his son-in-law, John Loomis, in Uwchlan township, Chester county. While visiting his son, James L. Guest, at Downingtown, Pa., in 1897, he passed away at the age of eighty-one years. He and his wife, who died at the age of seventy-six, are buried in the graveyard of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, in West Vincent township, Chester county. Mr. Guest was an attendant of the Baptist Church. He was a Republican, and held the office of supervisor of Nantmeal township. He married Matilda, daughter of James Leighton, and their children were: Elmira, wife of Thomas Phillips, died in 1875; Elizabeth became the wife of John Hufty, and both are deceased; Davis Leighton is mentioned below; George died in Salisbury prison during the Civil war; Eugene married Annie Biery, of Nantmeal township; Catherine, deceased, was the wife of John Loomis, of Uwchlan township; John married Ida Dunlap and lives in Pottstown; Heber died unmarried at the age of thirty; James Leighton married Ada Park and resides in Philadelphia.

Davis L. Guest was educated in the Squatt schoolhouse in East Nantmeal township, and after the completion of his term served an apprenticeship to the trade of carpenter with Samuel Dillingham. He then worked as journeyman until 1871, after which he came to Danville and clerked in the general store of A. J. Ammerman for four years. Returning to his trade after leaving the store, in April, 1912, he was appointed carpenter at the State Hospital for the Insane at Danville, a position which he holds at the present time. Mr. Guest is a Democrat and has served one term as school director, from the Second ward. He is a member of the Carpenters' Union, No. 928, and attends St. Paul's Methodist Church.

On Nov. 30, 1869, Mr. Guest married Elizabeth, daughter of Bernard and Hannah (Bailey) Ammerman, and they have had children as follows: Morris B. married Leona Corbin and lives in Wabash, Ind.; they have one child, Martha Elizabeth. Claude O. married Viola Henry and lives in Philadelphia; they have one child, Dorothy Lois. Alice J. is

mentioned below. Matilda Irene died at the age of four years, eight months.

Alice J. Guest attended public school in Danville and in 1897 graduated from the high school. For two years thereafter she taught in the township schools, then entering the Bloomsburg State normal school to continue her education. She has taught seven years in the third grade and four years in the fourth grade of the Second ward school, and also in the First ward school, now teaching fifth and sixth grades in the latter.

Mrs. Elizabeth (Ammerman) Guest, wife of Davis L. Guest, was born April 7, 1846, in Fishing Creek township, Columbia county, and attended the Lazarus school, completing her education in Orangeville Seminary. She taught school in her native township and then in Chester county for a few years. Her wedding occurred at Light Street, Columbia county. She is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church at Danville.

Bernard Ammerman, father of Mrs. Guest, was born in 1803 in Schuylkill county, Pa., where he received his schooling. After his marriage, in 1828, he moved to Fishing Creek township, later coming to Danville for a few years. Returning to Fishing Creek township, he opened a general store, also keeping the postoffice. Finally he sold out the store to his son James, who also ran it for some years, sold out and moved to Orangeville. Mr. Ammerman was united in marriage to Hannah Bailey, daughter of John Bailey. Mr. Bailey was born in 1801 in Schuylkill county and died in Lightstreet at the age of seventy-five years. To Mr. and Mrs. Ammerman were born the following children: Jackson, deceased, married Catherine Miller, of Berwick; Sarah Jane married Benjamin Hagenbuch, and both are deceased; John B., deceased, married Anna Robinson, of Lightstreet; Mary, deceased, married Frank Kelly, of Shickshinny, Luzerne Co., Pa.; Martha died unmarried; James married Jennie Irvin, of Orangeville; Elizabeth, Mrs. Guest, is mentioned above. Mr. Ammerman died in Bloomsburg at the age of eighty-two. He and his wife are buried at Lightstreet, Columbia county. Both were members of the Asbury Methodist Church. Mr. Ammerman was a Democrat, very active in the affairs of his party, and served for a number of years as school director of Fishingcreek township.

WILLIAM L. DEUTSCH, puddler at the Reading Rolling Mills, at Danville, was born in August, 1865, in that borough, son of John

Jacob and Catherine (Haney) Deutsch. The paternal grandfather of Mr. Deutsch was a native of Germany, and a ropemaker by trade. He died in his native Fatherland when still in the prime of life.

John Jacob Deutsch, father of William L. Deutsch, was born in Baden, Germany, and being but nine years old when his father died was at that time put out among strangers. As a lad he learned the trade of cloth weaver, but on coming to the United States he took up the vocation of puddler at the rolling mills in Danville, and was so engaged at the time of his death. He married Catherine Haney, who was born in Baden, Germany, daughter of Frederick and Catherine Haney. They walked from Pottsville to Danville prior to the advent of the railroads, and Mr. Haney eventually settled in Valley township, where he spent the rest of his life in farming. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Deutsch, of whom five are now living: John Jacob, who lives in Wickes, Mont.; William L.; Mary, who is the wife of Peter Farley of Bloomsburg; Anna, who is the wife of William Aten of Danville; and Martha, wife of Ed. Aten, of Danville.

William L. Deutsch, son of John Jacob Deutsch, attended public school at Danville until he was thirteen years of age, at which time he started to work in the Waterman & Beaver mills. At the same time he became connected with the Citizens' band, a musical organization in which he played the clarinet, and later identified himself with Stoes' band, of which he was a member for eighteen years. He has continued to be employed in the mills, and at the present time is puddler at the Reading Rolling Mills, his expert knowledge of his vocation and his long and varied experience making him a trusted hand.

In 1894 Mr. Deutsch was married to Mary E. Bausch, who was born in 1871 at Danville, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Tanner) Bausch, the former one of the founders of the Germania Brewery, at Danville, and the latter still a resident of that borough. Mrs. Deutsch's paternal grandfather was a blacksmith by trade, and in the old-fashioned manner of shrinking by hand manufactured the tires for the locomotives of the Reading Company in Danville. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Deutsch: John Tenner, who is attending the State College; Eleanor, who is a high school student; and William Harold, a pupil in the graded schools.

Mr. Deutsch was reared in St. John's German Lutheran Church. He has been prom-

inent in Odd Fellowship, being a past grand of Myrtle Lodge, No. 858, a member of Mnemoloton Encampment, No. 40, and captain of his canton. He was appointed to complete an unexpired term in the borough council, where he was instrumental in securing the transfer of the old cemetery to the park on Bloom street known as Memorial Park, and for this and other valued service won the election to the council some time later. He has always evidenced a commendable interest in all that has affected the borough's welfare, and withholds his support from no movement which he believes will aid the causes of education, progress and good citizenship.

LESLIE ELLSWORTH HESS, a well known and responsible citizen of Berwick, connected in a leading capacity with one of the city's large industries, was born on his father's farm in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., Dec. 29, 1869, son of John Isaiah and Almira (Everard) Hess.

John Isaiah Hess when a young man learned the trade of butcher, becoming the proprietor of an establishment in Luzerne county, in connection with which he conducted the "Beach Haven Hotel" for twelve years. He was also successful as an agriculturist, having owned a farm of ninety acres in Salem township, Luzerne county, and although he died at the early age of forty-two years, in 1889, accumulated a handsome property. He was a man of substance and worth, conducted his business affairs with ability and good judgment, and attained some prominence in his locality, being frequently elected to positions of trust and responsibility. A Democrat in politics, he was elected to the offices of justice of the peace and school director, and at all times gave evidence of conscientious devotion to the duties of his positions. Religiously Mr. Hess was a Methodist. His fraternal connection was with Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He married Almira Everard, daughter of Lewis H. Everard and granddaughter of William Everard, who came from West Haddon, England, and located at a point in Hollenback township, Luzerne county, being the only Englishman there. Mrs. Hess died in April, 1914, and was laid to rest at the side of her husband in Beach Haven cemetery. They were the parents of the following children: Florence Everard, deceased, who married H. E. Cain, and is buried in Beach Haven; Louise Everard; Charles Robert, who died in youth and was buried in Beach Haven cemetery; and Leslie Ellsworth.



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The public schools of Beach Haven, Pa., furnished Leslie E. Hess with his early educational training, which was supplemented by an electrical and scientific course in Wyoming Seminary, which he attended for two terms. In the meantime he took also a commercial course, and was graduated in 1889. He still further fitted himself for the battle of life with a course in telegraphy, securing a good, practical training with the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, and then was promoted to the position of chief clerk to the agent at Kingston, in which capacity he acted for six months. Mr. W. F. Halstead, general manager of the railroad, next sent him to New York as ticket agent at Christopher street and the North river, but after nine months he resigned to accept a position with the American Steamship Line, with which he was associated for ten years, being with that concern when the International Navigation Company and the International Mercantile Marine Company were formed. He left Jan. 21, 1903, at which time he became connected with the American Car & Foundry Company, at Berwick, as chief timekeeper in the steel department under John Heavener, superintendent. In August, 1903, John R. Searles was made superintendent and Mr. Hess was appointed chief clerk to the superintendent in 1905, being promoted to the office of assistant superintendent of the steel car department, and in 1908 to superintendent of that department, which position he still retains. Mr. Hess has won promotion through his own honest efforts and abilities, and is accounted one of his company's most valued men.

Mr. Hess was married to Jennie F. Conover, daughter of Lewis H. and Martha (Opdyke) Conover, of Beach Haven, Luzerne Co., Pa., June 18, 1896, and to this union there have come five children, namely: Ruth C., born March 26, 1897; Dorothy Jennette, Aug. 12, 1898; Helen M., Sept. 13, 1904; Mary Eloise, Feb. 12, 1906; and Fanny E., Oct. 12, 1910.

Mr. Hess is a Republican in his political views and has held important positions of public trust since coming to Berwick, at the present time being a school director and president of the board of education. He is president of the local Young Men's Christian Association and has had much to do with its success here. His business interests are important, including a directorship in the Berwick Savings & Trust Company and the secretaryship of the People's Street Railway Company, of Nanticoke and Newport. With his family he attends Christ Episcopal Church, of which

he is senior warden and treasurer. Mr. Hess is a popular member of Bergen Lodge, No. 47, F. & A. M., of Jersey City, New Jersey.

PETER J. ADAMS, a venerable citizen of Danville, now living retired, came to this borough with his parents in boyhood. The family were among the oldest settlers in the county. His grandfather, John Adams, followed the tailor's trade.

Robert Adams, father of Peter J. Adams, was born June 17, 1803, and died in April, 1890. A shoemaker by calling, he followed his trade at different locations in Pennsylvania until he located in Danville, where he built the house now occupied by his son Peter and his daughters. His wife, Hester (Jodun), was of French extraction. She was born Oct. 22, 1795, and died Jan. 8, 1853, the mother of five children, viz.: Peter J., born June 1, 1825; Martha, July 10, 1827; Rachel, July 13, 1829; John, Nov. 8, 1831; Robert, May 22, 1838 (he was a trustee of the M. E. Church). None of this family married except Peter. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Adams were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Danville. They are buried in Fairview cemetery.

Peter J. Adams was born June 1, 1825, at Milton, Pa. He learned the trade of printer, but in his long and active career was employed principally in the iron mills and furnaces at Danville as machinist. His reliable work and good character won him promotion to the position of foreman at the Reading Iron Works, which he held for many years. He has the record for long service with one concern in Danville, having been engaged at the Reading Iron Works, doing furnace and mill work, for a period of sixty years, until his retirement in 1906. Mr. Adams is now (1914) eighty-nine years old. He has always been a domestic man and has taken no interest in lodges and similar organizations. The family have long been associated with the Grove Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Adams married Anne Lundy, who was a native of Danville, born in 1831, daughter of John and Mercy (Morrison) Lundy. Her father, who came here from Williamsport in the very early days, was a merchant tailor in Danville. Mrs. Adams died in 1905 at the age of seventy-four years, and is buried in Fairview cemetery. She was the mother of four children: Jenny L., born in December, 1862; Hester G., born Dec. 31, 1866, and Frances M., born in December, 1870, all of whom live at home; and Nellie, born Jan. 16, 1874, who died when sixteen years old. Miss

Frances M. Adams was formerly employed in the library at Danville for two years. The home which Mr. Adams and his family occupy was one of the first modern houses erected in Danville. All the members of this family are highly esteemed by friends in the borough.

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SMITHERS**, who is now living retired at Danville, Pa., was born at Lewistown, Mifflin Co., Pa., Feb. 7, 1832, son of James and Elizabeth (Wood) Smithers.

James Smithers, father of Benjamin F. Smithers, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., and spent his entire life in carpenter work and boat-building, his death occurring in 1863, when he was sixty-three years of age. He married Elizabeth Wood, who was born in Baltimore, Md., and she died in 1876, at the age of seventy-two years. Of their eleven children, all are now deceased with the exception of Benjamin F. and one sister, Amelia, who is a widow.

Benjamin Franklin Smithers, son of James Smithers, received but few educational advantages in his youth, the greater part of his training being secured in the school of hard work. As a small lad he worked on farms and did whatever other honorable labor came to hand, and at the age of ten years began to learn the trade of blacksmith, which he continued to follow until his retirement from active pursuits. He has been a resident of Danville since 1859, and during this period has formed a wide acquaintance, in which he numbers a large group of sincere friends. On June 20, 1863, he enlisted for ninety days in Company F, 28th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, on July 27, 1863, reenlisting for three years, with Company C, an independent battery of light artillery. He received his honorable discharge June 30, 1865, at Pittsburgh. He was a brave and gallant soldier, and at all times so conducted himself as to win the admiration of his comrades and the respect of his officers.

Mr. Smithers was married to Mrs. Sarah (Hill) Layland, widow of J. Layland, and daughter of Fred and Jane (Hamilton) Hill. She was born Feb. 25, 1825, in Lycoming county, Pa., and by her first marriage had two sons, Hiram and Augustus, who were both killed while serving in the Union army during the Civil war. Mrs. Smithers died Jan. 22, 1908. She and Mr. Smithers were the parents of two children: James J., of Oil City, Pa., married Amanda Bogart, and had three children, Benjamin F., William R. and Hazel M.; Elizabeth Ellen married William Cann, of Carbon county, Pa., and had one daughter, Clara,

who is the wife of Philip Bruder, of St. Louis, Mo., and has five children, Benjamin F., William R., Hazel M., Earl T. and Edward E. The members of this family are connected with the Episcopal Church and have taken an active interest in its work.

In closing this brief review of the career of one of Danville's greatly respected citizens, we are allowed to copy an article which was published in a local newspaper, pertaining to an exceedingly interesting event which occurred in Mr. Smithers's life:

"Beyond a limited circle the fact is not generally known that Danville has among its citizens one who was the very last to lay his eye upon J. Wilkes Booth before he committed the foul murder that robbed our nation of one of its greatest presidents. Indeed, to show how intimately the Danville man was brought into relation with Booth, it should be explained that the former drank at the latter's expense just as the assassin was stealthily making his way into Ford's Theater to fire the shot that was to echo round the world.

"The Danville man who met with the above adventure is Benjamin F. Smithers, Grand street, an aged veteran of the Civil war, who March 17, 1864, enlisted in Capt. J. Thompson's Company (C), Light Artillery. During the spring of 1865, Capt. Thompson's command was stationed at Camp Barry, Washington, D. C., about half a mile from the Capitol. It was during the night of April 14, 1865, that Abraham Lincoln was assassinated while attending a performance at Ford's Theatre, Washington. On the evening of that day it appears several soldiers of Capt. Thompson's command, our townsman, Mr. Smithers, being among them, strolled away from camp over into the city. In the basement under Ford's Theatre was a famous restaurant and thither the young soldiers directed their steps.

"What occurred there Mr. Smithers as distinctly recalls as though it took place only a few days ago. The soldiers, along with some others, were standing along the side of the bar having a pleasant time among themselves, when all of a sudden the door flew open and in stepped a well-dressed and dignified-looking man. He swept the room with his eyes and then, stepping up to the bar, he threw down a bill, the denomination of which Mr. Smithers does not know.

"'Give the boys a drink,' he said, and without taking one himself or even waiting for his change he stepped to the rear end of the room and disappeared through a door there, leading to the theatre above. At that moment little

was thought of the incident. As was natural, the man being an actor, he was known to some of those in the room.

"Scarcely had the men swallowed the drink that had been paid for by Booth, when the news flashed through the restaurant that Lincoln had been shot. It was then realized that the assassin had passed through the restaurant for the purpose of gaining entrance to the theatre at a point that would the better enable him to reach the President's box unobserved. 'Setting them up for the boys' was probably only a little play to disarm suspicion.

"Realizing that they would be needed, the soldiers at once went back to camp. They were all detailed to join in the search for the assassin. The hunt was kept up all night, but as is well known the assassin escaped from the capital."

**FELIX P. WERTMAN**, who is engaged in farming and stock raising in Anthony township, Montour county, was born Jan. 31, 1854, in Northumberland county, Pa., son of Jacob and Harriet (Roat) Wertman.

Daniel Wertman, the grandfather of Felix P. Wertman, came to Montour county from Frosty Valley, Pa., and here passed the remainder of his life engaged as a carpenter and cabinetmaker, dying in 1855, at the age of eighty-three years. He married Elizabeth Brobst, a native of Schuylkill county, Pa., who died in 1860, when eighty-three years old, and they had a large family of children.

Jacob Wertman, father of Felix P. Wertman, and son of Daniel Wertman, was born in Lewis township, Northumberland Co., Pa., in 1816, and in early life learned the trade of carpenter with his father. Later he adopted the vocation of farmer, and was so engaged until his death in 1895. He married Harriet Roat, who died in 1872, at the age of fifty-six years, and they became the parents of nine children, of whom five survive: William H., a carpenter, of Northumberland county, Pa.; G. Wesley, a wagonmaker, of Turbotville, Pa.; Jacob Z., a carpenter of that place; Felix P.; and Lydia, who is the widow of Ralph B. Tweed, of Exchange, Pennsylvania.

Daniel Roat, the great-grandfather of Felix P. Wertman, was an early settler at Turbotville, Pa., where he was engaged in the blacksmith business all of his life. Daniel Roat, son of Daniel, and maternal grandfather of Felix P. Wertman, was a native of Northumberland county, and there passed his entire career, dying in 1892, at the age of eighty-five years.

He married Elizabeth Lerch, who passed away when fifty-four years of age.

Felix P. Wertman, son of Jacob Wertman, received a liberal common school education, following which he learned the carpenter's trade, in which calling he was engaged for nearly twenty years. In 1893 he came to Anthony township, Montour county, and purchased the property on which he now resides, and which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He is progressive in his methods and uses modern machinery in his work, and the appearance of his farm denotes the presence of thrift and able management.

Mr. Wertman was married to Cora A. Koch, who was born Dec. 4, 1862, in Lycoming township, Lycoming Co., Pa., daughter of Daniel and Margaret (Litchard) Koch, and to this union there have been born five children: Helen Eleanora, born June 30, 1882, who is the wife of Cyrus C. Mohr, a farmer of Anthony township, with residence at Exchange, Pa.; Erwin Randolph, born Oct. 4, 1886, who married Florence Oaks, and has two children, Catherine and Dorothy; Hazel, born Sept. 10, 1893, who married W. C. Fuller, of Northumberland county, and has one son, Woodruff; Charles, born Sept. 7, 1896, and Olive, born May 3, 1900, both living at home. Mr. Wertman is a Democrat in politics, but has taken only a good citizen's interest in public matters, having had no desire for office. With his family he attends the Lutheran Church at Turbotville, Northumberland county.

**FRED WOODRUFF HOWE**, who is engaged in the clothing business at Danville, Pa., was born at Lockport, N. Y., June 3, 1876, son of Frank Woodworth and Ella (Woodruff) Howe.

Ira S. Howe, the paternal grandfather of Fred W. Howe, was born at Danbury, Conn., in 1818, and followed the trade of tailor all of his life, dying Feb. 10, 1894. He married Arvilla Woodworth.

Frank Woodworth Howe was born Nov. 15, 1847, at Arcade, N. Y., and as a youth learned the trade of tailor with his father. He came to Danville in 1881 as a cutter, and in 1889 opened an establishment of his own, which he conducted until his retirement from business in 1910. He married Ella Woodruff, who was born in Niagara county, N. Y., and she died April 18, 1898, at the age of fifty-nine years, the mother of two children, Fred Woodruff and Charles Howard; the latter is a merchant tailor of Beaumont, Texas, and married to Catherine Kreiger, of Danville, Pennsylvania.



Theophilus P. Woodruff, the maternal grandfather of Fred W. Howe, was a native of the Empire State, and during the gold rush to California in 1849 joined a party that went to England and purchased a ship, in which to make the California trip. Later he was killed at Cayuga Lake, N. Y., and his widow made her home at Coldwater, Mich., but her death occurred April 19, 1914, at Three Rivers, that State, when she was eighty-eight years of age.

Fred Woodruff Howe, son of Frank Woodworth Howe, received his education in the public schools, and in 1897 started his present business at Danville, his original stock consisting only of men's furnishings. In 1910 he added clothing, and a tailoring department, and the enterprise has been built up until it is one of the largest of its kind in Danville. Mr. Howe is thoroughly familiar with every detail of his business, caters to a representative trade, and endeavors at all times to give his customers the benefit of a fair deal. He has been industrious and enterprising, and the success that has come to him has been gained entirely through the medium of his own efforts. He is popular with a wide circle of acquaintances, and numbers among his friends many members of the local fraternal bodies, holding membership in Danville Blue Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M.; Danville Chapter, No. 239, R. A. M.; Calvary Commandery, No. 37, K. T., of Danville; Lodge No. 754, B. P. O. Elks; and Washington Camp No. 364, P. O. S. of A., of Danville.

In 1899 Mr. Howe was married to Mary Edith Thomas, daughter of Thomas G. and Mary Ann (George) Thomas. Mr. Thomas, who is now deceased, was born in Wales, and accompanied his parents to America, where he became a roller in the iron mills at Danville. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Howe: Mary Ellen, born May 28, 1902, and Eunice Lucile, born April 28, 1904.

**MARTZ.** The Martzes have been settled in the northern portion of what is now Montour county for three quarters of a century, and the late John Martz, of Derry township, was born in that township in September, 1837.

Jacob Martz, his father, was also a native of the State of Pennsylvania, where he passed all his life, dying in 1851, when fifty-two years old. Bringing his wife (they had no children then) to Montour county, he located first in Anthony township, and later moved to Strawberry Ridge, in Derry township, where he passed the remainder of his days engaged in farming. He married Elizabeth Schuck,

of Turbotville, Northumberland Co., Pa., who was born in that county, and who lived to be over sixty years old. They had ten children, two of whom are living: Eliza, wife of Jacob St. Clair, of West Point, Nebr.; and Henry, a farmer of Montour county. Another son, Jacob, died in April, 1913.

The Martz (or Mertz) family is quite numerous in Berks county, Pa., where the first ancestor to come from Germany made a settlement in Longswamp township. The name is perpetuated there by the town of Mertztown, in Longswamp township, and Mertz's Church in the same section. Johannes Martz (also Maertz), the founder of this family in America, was one of the 242 passengers on the ship "Ann," which sailed from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. He was a son of Johannes Maertz, of Stockhausen, Wurtemberg, about thirty-five miles northwest of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, and forty miles northeast of Coblenz, in Germany. Johannes Maertz, the emigrant, landed at Philadelphia Sept. 28, 1749. He settled in the vicinity of Lyons, Berks county, and the church located near his home was named Mertz's Church in honor of him. The births of his first four children are recorded there. On May 24, 1756, he married Rosina Hase, daughter of Melchior Hase. Their children were: Johannes, born July 17, 1757; Anna Maria, Dec. 2, 1760; Maria Salome, May 24, 1763; Melchior, April 11, 1765, and Peter, March 9, 1769.

The connection between the above and Jacob Martz, father of John, is not definitely known.

**JOHN MARTZ** was a lumberman and farmer all his life. On April 10, 1877, he settled on the farm in Derry township where the remainder of his life was passed, and where he built one of the most modern homes in the township. His death occurred when he was sixty-nine years old. He married Elizabeth Girton, who was born Aug. 9, 1842, at Jerseytown, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of Andrew and Susan (Reeser) Girton, and they had a family of four children: Frank is a farmer in Derry township; Misses Caroline Elizabeth, Susan Alice and Emma Florence reside on the old Martz homestead, the place where their father settled in 1877, to the cultivation of which they attend, being successfully engaged in general farming and stock raising. They were reared in the Lutheran faith and are members of that church.

**HENRY MARTZ**, brother of the late John Martz, was born Oct. 15, 1841, in Derry township, Montour county, where he still resides, being engaged in overseeing the old Martz

farm where his three nieces live. He has been occupied in farming and lumbering all his life, following the latter calling in Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

On Aug. 8, 1867, Mr. Martz married Susan Umsted, a native of Derry township, daughter of Jesse and Barbara Ann (Ashenfelder). She died in 1880, the mother of two children: John Franklin, born Feb. 5, 1868, now of Elkins, W. Va., who married Lumme Polling; and Ambrose, born Aug. 26, 1870, unmarried, who is at present in Washingtonville, Pennsylvania.

Henry Martz is a Lutheran in religious connection, and a Democrat on political questions. He has never taken any part in public life or held office, devoting himself entirely to his work. Like all members of the Martz family he is respected by all who know him for his industry and good character, substantial qualities which have ranked them among the best citizens of the community.

JOSEPH SMITH, proprietor of the "Glendower Hotel," at Danville, Pa., was born at Birmingham, England, Nov. 19, 1858, son of Joseph Smith.

Joseph Smith, Sr., died in England at the age of forty-two, in 1874. He was a green grocer all his mature years. He married a Hobbs, and they had two children: Joseph and Clarice, the latter the wife of George Southall, and living in Birmingham, England.

Joseph Smith, Jr., was a clerk in his father's store until he was fifteen years old and then worked in different factories until 1891, when, having married in the meanwhile, he felt that he could find wider opportunities in the United States. His first place of residence was Philadelphia, where he found employment as a gardener. Later he went to Altoona, Pa., where he was a boiler maker in the Juniata Boiler Shops, connected with the car shops at that place, being thus employed for seventeen years. In 1907 Mr. Smith came to Danville and bought his present property, which he has since been operating, having a first-class hotel.

Mr. Smith married Helen Gittes, a native of England, a daughter of Leonard and Mary Gittes. To this union have been born the following children: Joseph, who has his home in Altoona, Pa., married Mabel Bell, and they have one child; Clara, now a resident of Cleveland, Ohio, is the wife of George Wright and has four children; Caroline is married to Robert Cheese, of England, and has six children; Henry, of Altoona, Pa., is married to Laura

Haines and has three children; Charles, who lives at the "Glendower House" with his father, married Nellie J. Dailey and they have one child.

Mr. Smith was reared in the faith of the Church of England, and is now a member of Christ Memorial Episcopal Church at Danville. Socially he belongs to Chickalacamoose Tribe, No. 364, Improved Order of Red Men, at Altoona, Pennsylvania.

JOHN HENRY GERNERT, who is engaged in the merchant tailoring business at Danville, Pa., was born at Queckburn, Oberhessen, Province of Grand Duchy of Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, March 5, 1845, son of Jacob and Catherine (Gernert) Gernert.

Jacob Gernert, the father of John Henry Gernert, was born in March, 1807, in Germany, and in 1859 brought the family to the United States, settling at Baltimore, Md., where he followed the trade of carpenter. There his death occurred in 1872, while his widow survived him sixteen years and was seventy-two years old at the time of her demise. She was the daughter of Henry and Catherine Gernert. Jacob and Catherine Gernert had ten children, of whom the following survive: Fritz, Joseph, Louis, Christian, Catherine and John Henry.

John Henry Gernert was fourteen years of age when brought to this country by his parents, and after learning the trade of tailor was employed at that vocation until 1861. At that time he became employed in the Union army, during the Civil war, and served in the quartermaster's department for four years, in the Army of the Potomac, under Generals Hooker and Howard. After the war he returned to Baltimore, but subsequently removed to Louisville, Ky., where he was engaged until 1867. Mr. Gernert's advent in Danville occurred in 1881, and for a long period he was associated in business with F. W. Howe, but since 1909 has carried on his enterprise alone. Mr. Gernert now has a flourishing business, built up strictly on merit. He has devoted himself to general tailoring, and the excellence of his work has given him a reputation that extends far beyond the limits of Danville.

Mr. Gernert was married to Catherina M. Veldner, who was born at Kronach, Bavaria, daughter of Joseph and Kunigunda Veldner, with whom she came as a child to the United States in 1850. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gernert: Doris E., the wife of Thomas F. Precht, of Danville, Pa., has two children, Henry Gernert and John Francis;

Anna E. married Henry Smith and lives in Danville; Louis H., of Danville, married Susan Keash and has two children, Catherine and John. Mr. and Mrs. Gernert and their children are members of the Lutheran Church. In his political views Mr. Gernert is independent.

JOHN B. SMITH, a prosperous farmer of Derry township, Montour county, was born there June 5, 1861, son of Stephen Smith and grandson of John Smith. The grandfather was engaged in farming and the distilling of liquor all his life.

Stephen Smith was born in Berks county, Pa., and came to Anthony township, in what is now Montour county, before his marriage. Here he operated a distillery for his father, working with his parents until he married, when he moved to the homestead now occupied by his son John, farming there to the end of his active days. His death occurred Jan. 6, 1904, at the age of eighty-one years, in Washingtonville, where he had been living retired for two years. He married Matilda Sponnenberg, who was born at Briarcreek, Columbia Co., Pa., and died in 1903, aged sixty-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were the parents of four children, three of whom are still living: Hannah E., wife of Peter C. Moser, of Derry township; Adam H., of Washingtonville, and John B.

John B. Smith obtained a common school education, meantime beginning to help with the farm work at home. From boyhood he has been engaged in general agriculture and stock raising on the place where he was born, and he is one of the successful farmers of his township, his progressive and intelligent methods bringing him well deserved prosperity. He is a Republican in political sentiment, but has not been active in party affairs or public life.

Mr. Smith married Sarah C. Shultz, who was born in Derry township, daughter of the late John K. and Rebecca (McVicker) Shultz, and they had one child, Mabel Rebecca, born March 9, 1893, who is now keeping house for her father, Mrs. Smith having died Dec. 18, 1904, when thirty-eight years old. Mr. Smith was reared in the faith of the Reformed Church, and holds membership at Strawberry Ridge. He is a member of P. O. S. of A. Camp, No. 365, at Washingtonville.

The Shultzes are descended from Philip Shultz, who came from Germany and settled on a farm in New Jersey, where he died. His son Jacob was born in New Jersey and came

to Montour county in 1790, settling first at Limestoneville. A year later he came to the farm later occupied by his grandson, John K. Shultz, and resided there until his death in 1804, when with other settlers he was carried away by typhoid fever. He was the father of eight children, the last survivor being Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Mostellar, who in 1887 was a resident of West Hemlock township, at the age of eighty-seven.

Peter Shultz, son of Jacob, was three years old when his parents came to Montour county. He was reared on a farm, and after his marriage moved to the farm adjoining, where he resided fifty years, dying July 11, 1862, at the age of seventy-five. He was an elder in the old Derry Church for many years, and politically a Democrat. His wife was Sarah Robbins, of Columbia county, and their children were: William, a resident of Columbia county; Jonathan P., who died in Northumberland county in 1886; Jacob and Vincent R., living in West Hemlock township, Montour county; James, of Rush township, Northumberland county; Benjamin F., a physician of Danville; Peter, of Anthony township; Mary K., wife of Benjamin Crossley, of Michigan; and John K. Mrs. Shultz died in 1872 at the age of eighty-one years.

John K. Shultz was born in the old home on March 5, 1825, and lived with his father until his marriage, when he moved to the adjoining farm in West Hemlock township, which he owned until his death, Dec. 4, 1893. There he lived for nineteen years, when, having previously bought the old homestead and erected thereon a fine house, he removed to it in October, 1874. He was married Oct. 11, 1855, to Rebecca, daughter of James McVicker, of Anthony township. She was born in that township June 6, 1826, and died in the spring of 1894. Seven children blessed this union, the eldest and youngest dying in infancy. The others were: Anna M., deceased, wife of William R. Robinson, of Washingtonville; Sarah C., deceased; Charles W., who married Sarah J. Watts; Clarence J., living at Mooresburg; William Barber, residing on the old homestead in Derry township.

Mr. Shultz held several township offices, including that of justice of the peace, and was a Democrat politically. To his farming he added the vocations of cattle raising and horse dealing. He and his wife were members of the Derry Presbyterian Church.

THEODORE REYNOLDS, retired farmer, has lived at his present home in Anthony town-

ship, Montour county, for fifty years, and he cultivated that place until 1907. He is one of the oldest living settlers in his district. Mr. Reynolds was born Oct. 30, 1837, in Montgomery county, Pa., in which county his father, Henry Reynolds, was born in 1812.

Moving his family to Montour county, Henry Reynolds settled in Anthony township. He followed shoemaking, and died in 1864. His wife, Kitty Ann (Barrel), died about 1876, at the age of sixty-four years. She was a native of Willow Grove, Montgomery county, and her mother, Mrs. John Barrel, lived to be ninety-nine years old. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds had a family of seven children, of whom four survive: Theodore; William, who lives in Illinois; Harry A., of Turbotville, Pa.; and Smith, a resident of Illinois.

Theodore Reynolds was given comparatively few educational advantages as viewed from the modern standpoint. He worked out at farming until his marriage, after which he settled down to the same business for himself, for two years living in Lycoming county. Then he moved to Turbotville, and in 1864 he settled on the property in Anthony township where he has ever since resided. It contains twenty acres. He was successfully engaged in cultivating this land until 1907, when he gave up work, now enjoying a period of leisure to which his years of industry entitle him. Mr. Reynolds has never held any public offices, but he has always been a good Democrat and interested in seeing his party in the lead, and he has taken an active part in the conduct of local elections, having served two terms as election inspector and two terms as judge.

Mr. Reynolds married Jan. 5, 1860, Mary Magdalena Cumfer, who was born Oct. 18, 1837, in Moreland township, Lycoming county, daughter of Peter and Catherine Cumfer, the latter a native of Pottsville, Pa. Mrs. Reynolds died March 12, 1898. She was the mother of seven children: Hyman, now in Illinois, who is married and has one child, a daughter; McClellan, deceased; Mary, deceased; Harry, deceased; Sadie C., wife of Ira C. Shade, of Anthony township; John T., who lives at the paternal home in Anthony township, married to Anna Heddens; and Harry, of Milton, Pa., who married Laura Harmon and has six children. Mr. Reynolds was reared in the tenets of the Episcopal Church, and is a member of St. James' Church of Exchange.

WILLIAM H. TAYLOR, retired farmer and old soldier of Liberty township, was born

April 1, 1841, on the F. W. Davis farm, which his father tenanted, in Limestone township, Montour Co., Pa., and is a son of Johnston and Prudence (Kitchen) Taylor.

David Taylor, the grandfather of William H. Taylor, was an agriculturist by vocation. He moved from Northumberland county, Pa., with his family to Ohio when his son Johnston was sixteen years old, all traveling afoot. There he spent the remainder of his life, becoming one of his community's well known citizens.

Johnston Taylor, son of David, was born in Northumberland county, Pa., and came when a lad to what is now Montour county, here receiving his education. He served an apprenticeship to the trade of iron worker and for some years followed that vocation, but was unfortunate enough to meet with an accident which crippled him, and, turning to the occupation of his forefathers, he took up farming, in which he was engaged until his death, when he was sixty-four years of age. His wife, who was a daughter of Isaac Kitchen, of Columbia county, Pa., passed away when aged sixty-three years. Of their ten children, five are living, William H. being the eldest. The others are: Frank and Deozro, both of Berwick, Columbia county; David, living in Kansas; and Margaret, who is the wife of H. P. Billman, a resident of California.

William H. Taylor acquired his education in the public schools during the winter terms, in the meantime assisting his father with the work of the home farm. He had nearly attained his majority when the Civil war made his country call for volunteers, and with other young men of his community he enlisted, Sept. 10, 1862, becoming a private in Company F, 16th Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, in Gen. John Irvin Gregg's brigade. He was in three days fighting at Gettysburg, and with his regiment participated in some of the most sanguinary battles of the war, being known as one of his company's most faithful soldiers until wounded at Gordonsville, Va., his injury confining him to the hospital for five months. When he was able he rejoined his regiment and served valiantly, receiving his honorable discharge Aug. 11, 1865, at Richmond, Va., with a record of which no man need be ashamed. He became sergeant of Co. G, Capt. Fred W. Heslop. On returning to the pursuits of peace Mr. Taylor took up farming in Limestone township, but subsequently came to Liberty township, where he has since carried on successful operations. Although now retired from the active affairs of life Mr. Taylor still shows himself

the possessor of an alert mind, and those who reside in his vicinity know him as a man of public spirit and good business judgment. His numerous friends testify readily to his general popularity.

On Dec. 27, 1866, Mr. Taylor was married to Frances Billmeyer, who was born Jan. 31, 1844, daughter of George and Abigail (Boudman) Billmeyer, and died March 20, 1912. By this union there were children as follows: Frank M., born March 16, 1869, died Dec. 20, 1913; he married Sarah Leibolt and they had three children, Ruth (deceased), Herman and Paul. George Norman, born May 20, 1871, of Limestone township, married Marie Schultz. Edgar Grier, born June 19, 1873, married Bertha Dyer, and has two children, Frances and Kenneth. Walter Charles, born Jan. 16, 1879, married Della Hauck, and they have had four children, Bernard T., Harold, William, and Helen, the last named deceased. Raymond William, born Sept. 20, 1880, married Hannah Hagenbauch, and has three children, Andrew Grover, Grace Marian and Robert. Clyde M., born Dec. 20, 1883, who is now operating the home place, married Bertha Shell, who was born May 9, 1880, and they have one son, William David, born Oct. 1, 1913.

Mr. Taylor is a valued member of the Union Veteran Legion, at Milton, Pa. A Republican in politics, he is serving as supervisor of his township and as a member of the school board. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist Church, and has ever been faithful to its teachings.

JACOB H. COLE, a hardware merchant of Danville, Montour Co., Pa., was born at Danville May 12, 1854, son of Thomas Cole.

Thomas Cole, born May 20, 1823, was a native of Columbia county, Pa., and in young manhood came to what is now Montour county. For a number of years he was engaged as a carpenter. In 1846, with his brother Jacob B. Cole, he bought land and began mining ore, meeting with gratifying success in this line of endeavor. He is still living, although for a number of years he has been retired, as he is now ninety-one years old. Mr. Cole married Frances Mauser, a daughter of Jacob Mauser; and they became the parents of three children: Jacob H.; Mary, who is the widow of J. L. Krumm; and Elizabeth, who married J. S. Greenawald, of Reading, Pa. During his long and useful life Thomas Cole has been actuated by strictly honorable principles, and as a result, while he acquired wealth he

did not lose the confidence or respect of his associates. Such men as he set the standards of right living, and those who follow their examples not only do so with profit to themselves, but with benefit to their communities.

Jacob H. Cole, son of Thomas Cole, alternated attendance at the local schools with work on the farm, as did so many of the boys of his time and locality. When old enough in years and experience he became superintendent of his father's mines, continuing in this responsible position until he was twenty-eight years of age. At that time he felt free to follow his own inclinations, and coming to Danville established himself in the hardware business, commencing in a very modest way. From the beginning, however, the business expanded, and at present Mr. Cole has the largest establishment of its kind in the county. He carries a full and varied line of shelf and heavy hardware and farm supplies, and the leading agriculturists as well as builders and householders depend upon him for goods. Instinctively a good business man, Mr. Cole has managed all his transactions honorably and uprightly, and is reaping his rewards accordingly.

Jacob H. Cole married Sally B. Hancock, who was born in Danville, daughter of John and Martha (Moses) Hancock. Mr. and Mrs. Cole are the parents of two children, both intelligent and promising young people: William Harry, who is a student in the local high school; and Margaret, who was graduated from the local high school.

The Reformed Church holds Mr. Cole's membership and benefits by his generosity. Fraternally he is a member of Danville Lodge, No. 754, B. P. O. Elks. A man of keen business sense, thoroughly alive to the possibilities of his district and understanding the needs of his trade, he has forged ahead and built up a flourishing business from very small beginnings.

MAUSER. Nicholas Mauser resided in Bucks county, Pa., until the year 1785, when he settled in Cooper township, in what is now Montour county, Pa., buying a large tract of timberland, which was a portion of the property held by the William Penn heirs. He was a soldier in the Revolution, and on Jan. 4, 1777, was commissioned first lieutenant of Capt. Christian Buckley's company, of the 3d Battalion, Bucks county militia.

Christian Mauser, son of Nicholas Mauser, was fourteen years old when he was brought to Cooper township, and lived in the little log cabin his father built on the land he



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purchased. As evidence of the substantial manner in which work was done in those early days, as compared with to-day, that log cabin, built in 1785, is still standing and is in an excellent state of preservation. Christian Mauser lived to be eighty-eight years old, and died contented with what he had accomplished during his long and eminently useful life.

Jacob Mauser, son of Christian Mauser, was a native of Cooper township. He married Katherine Krumm, and they had five children, four daughters and one son, among the former being Frances, who married Thomas Cole.

Aaron C. Mauser, son of Jacob Mauser, was born on the Mauser homestead in Cooper township, Montour Co., Pa., July 1, 1849, and grew up in that township, which continues to be his home. He has developed into one of the leading agriculturists of his community, and is a citizen of prominence. On Feb. 28, 1874, Mr. Mauser was married to Ellen Keifer. The Mauser family is one of the oldest established in Montour county. Some of its patriotic early representatives served in the Revolutionary war, and all were interested in the development of their respective settlements. Its members have been especially interested in education, and two of the name have held responsible positions as educators, I. H. Mauser having been superintendent of schools in Northumberland county, and his brother William Mauser superintendent of the Bloomsburg borough schools.

The Cole family has shown considerable enterprise and sturdy uprightness of character, and the intermarriage of the Coles and Mausers has combined many sterling traits. None bearing either name has ever failed in duty or citizenship, and they have shown their high principles in the support of many effective reforms and desirable improvements. They have intermarried with other typical Pennsylvania stock, which is noted the country over for its solidity and sterling worth.

JACOB W. MARTZ (deceased) was a successful farmer in Valley township, Montour county, and also proprietor of the "Pennsylvania Hotel," now conducted by his widow. Mr. Martz died in his prime, but by well directed industry he had attained a comfortable position, and he was a highly respected resident of his township. He was born in Derry township, Montour county, April 1, 1865, a son of William and Juliet (Girton) Martz, the latter now living at Washingtonville, same county.

Jacob W. Martz was engaged in farming all his life, living in Derry township until he set-

tled in Valley township, in 1912, and for a little more than a year before his death also kept hotel, having bought the "Pennsylvania House" in Valley township, March 19, 1911. He bought a farm of eighty acres with the hotel. This place is located between Danville and Washingtonville. He did well as proprietor of the hotel, patronage showing well under his management, and his untimely death, caused by an accident June 24, 1912, cut short a useful career and favorable prospects. Mr. Martz was reared in the Reformed Church and belonged to the church of that denomination at Strawberry Ridge. Politically he was a Democrat.

On Nov. 10, 1897, Mr. Martz and Catherine Wertman were married, and he left four children: Lester Edward, born Sept. 28, 1902; Boyd Allen, born Oct. 29, 1906; Margaret Elizabeth, born June 4, 1909; and Isabelle Ellen, born Aug. 8, 1912. Mrs. Martz also has an adopted son, John Helwich Wertman, born May 22, 1895, whom she has reared since he was six months old; he resides at home. Mrs. Martz has continued the farm and hotel successfully since her husband's death, proving herself possessed of ability and good managing qualities.

HENRY D. WERTMAN, father of Mrs. Martz, is now making his home with his daughter in Valley township, Montour county. Before his retirement he was a farmer in Northumberland county, Pa., where he was born Dec. 8, 1845, son of John and Catherina (Winkelman) Wertman. The father, also a native of Northumberland county, died in 1862, at the age of sixty-two years. The grandfather was born in Germany and came to Pennsylvania with relatives.

After receiving a limited education, Henry D. Wertman went to learn the trade of shoemaking, at which he served two years' apprenticeship, afterward taking up the carpenter's trade, which he still follows. He resided in Northumberland county until two years ago, when he came to Montour county. He married Louisa Fick, who was born Oct. 30, 1845, in Berks county, Pa., and died Aug. 23, 1900, at the age of fifty-five years. Mr. and Mrs. Wertman had five children: John married Rebecca Harden and has two children; Allen married Ida Connard and has three children; Sarah Elizabeth married William Plotts and has one child; Amanda is the wife of Allen Martz, brother of her sister Catherine's husband, Jacob W. Martz. Mr. Wertman is a Democrat on political questions.



HARVEY C. LIVZIEY, proprietor of the "Billmeyer Hotel" at Strawberry Ridge, Montour Co., Pa., was born Dec. 29, 1875, at Danville, Pa., son of William and Mary Jane (Linn) Livziey.

William Livziey was born in England and came to America in young manhood, locating at Danville, Pa., where he became a clerk in the store of the old Rough and Ready steel mills. After continuing there for seven years he drove a wagon for the Adams Express Company, and for six years following was engaged as a shipping clerk by the Danville Foundry and Machine Company. His death occurred in 1883, at the age of thirty-seven years. He married Mary Jane Linn, who was born in Pennsylvania and still resides at Danville, now aged sixty years. Of their family of seven children there are five survivors: Benjamin, Charles, Walter, Lizzie and Harvey C., all residing in Pennsylvania, Benjamin living at Danville. Lizzie is the wife of J. Livziey, who is of the same name but no relative.

Harvey C. Livziey attended school at Danville until old enough to become self supporting, when he entered the Enterprise Foundry at Danville, working there for two years and afterward for six years at the Danville Tube Works. For the eight succeeding years he engaged in teaming for the Friendship Fire Company of Danville. In 1912 he engaged with the Germania Brewing Company and so continued until he purchased his present property, the "Billmeyer Hotel" at Strawberry Ridge, to which he has since devoted his time and attention.

Mr. Livziey was first married to Gussie May Freeze, of Danville, who died in 1906, at the age of twenty-seven years. She was a daughter of William and Anna (Wilhelm) Freeze, the former of whom is deceased, the latter residing at Philadelphia. To this marriage three children were born: William Franklin, June 17, 1897; Walter G., Aug. 1, 1902; and George A., Nov. 11, 1903. The second marriage of Mr. Livziey was to Florence Reich, a daughter of Henry and Lizzie (Conway) Reich, of Montour county.

Mr. Livziey belongs to the Friendship Fire Company No. 1, at Danville, and is a member of Montour Castle No. 186, Knights of the Golden Eagle, at Danville.

GEORGE EDWARD RICKETTS. In every industry and business enterprise there are men selected for important positions because of their particular qualifications for the same and thus George Edward Ricketts occupies a

responsible place, as an expert in erecting machinery, with the Danville Foundry & Machine Company, at Danville, Pa. He was born at Danville Sept. 30, 1865, a son of Edward and Anne (Everdale) Ricketts.

Edward Ricketts, father of George E. Ricketts, was born in Wales June 14, 1819, and died at Danville June 28, 1900, aged eighty-one years, fourteen days, from the effects of an accident while crossing the railroad tracks near Shamokin. He was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Mr. Ricketts came to Danville when a young man and secured employment with the Waterman & Beaver Company, as rail sawyer in their mill. Later he was employed by the Reading Iron Company in the same capacity, and when grown too old to work as sawyer continued with the company in other capacities, during the last eight years of his life being saw sharpener in the mill. He was a fair-minded man and good citizen, never very active in politics but voting the Republican ticket. He was a member of Trinity Methodist Church.

Edward Ricketts married Anne Everdale, born in November, 1839, and they had the following children: Joseph, of Danville, married Annie Watkins; Mary, wife of Peter Fox, lives at Shamokin, Pa.; one child died in infancy; George E. is mentioned below; Ida is the wife of Albert Paugh, of Danville; Malissa is deceased; William is deceased; Jesse is residing with his mother at Danville; Edward is a member of the 7th U. S. Cavalry, now stationed at Manila, Philippine Islands.

George E. Ricketts attended the Welsh Hill school in Danville for a time, but his industrial life began when he was a lad of only ten years. He went into the Waterman & Beaver mines and worked there at cutting ore until he was seventeen years of age. Afterwards, for three months, he worked in the Patterson & Llewellyn coal mines at Shamokin, and it was while there that a mine explosion caused him to lose an eye. Returning to Danville after this accident he found employment in the nickel plating department of the Danville Stove Works, where he remained for ten years, when he met with another serious accident, entailing the loss of the thumb of his left hand. It was on March 24, 1890, that this accident occurred, in the elevator at the works. During the next year, while recuperating, Mr. Ricketts kept the "Oak Tree Hotel," in Valley township. Feeling able to resume work in the line of industry he had chosen, he entered the Mahoning machine shops for three months, from there going to the Nathaniel Taylor mines in Northumberland county, where for four years he had charge

of the pumps and other machinery. It was while there that the terrific storm came sweeping over that section, well remembered by all residents of that time, driving his family and many of the neighbors into the mines in order to find safety. After he returned to Danville Mr. Ricketts was waterman in the Reading Iron Company's mill for eleven months, and then entered the employ of the Curry & Vannan Company, which later became the Danville Foundry & Machine Company. Mr. Ricketts is an expert in erecting machinery and for the last three years has been sent out on contracts calling for the erection, in different sections, of stairways and all other similar work done by the company. Through persistent industry Mr. Ricketts has won his way, and he enjoys the full confidence of his employers and the respect and esteem of his fellow workmen. He has had his full share of discouragements, but has kept right on and has overcome obstacles which would have thoroughly disheartened a less courageous man.

At Danville, June 8, 1884, Mr. Ricketts was married to Emma Jane Flick, daughter of Erastus Valerian and Susanna Matilda (Beyer) Flick. Emma Jane Flick was born in Valley township, Montour Co., Pa., Feb. 14, 1866. After her mother's death she was taken by her aunt, Mrs. Levi V. Beyer, of Valley township, with whom she lived until her marriage. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ricketts, and we have the following record of this family: Walter Clyde, born May 23, 1885, married Regina Rishel, and they have three children: Emma, born Dec. 13, 1909; Elsie, born Feb. 26, 1911; and George, born Jan. 22, 1913. George, born Feb. 22, 1887, married Ida Young, of Lancaster, and they live at Cambridge, Md.; they have one child, Helen Emma, born Oct. 19, 1907. Matilda, born April 2, 1889, married Fred Irvin Evans, who has a government position in the bookkeeping and warrants office, at Washington, D. C.; they have one child, Ralph Irvin, born March 17, 1914. A child, born April 12, 1891, died in infancy. Howard, born April 5, 1892, is an employee in the United States land office at Washington, D. C. Georgie Irene, born March 1, 1894, died Sept. 18, 1895. Ruth was born Dec. 16, 1897. The next child died in infancy. George was born May 18, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricketts are members of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Ricketts is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally is associated with Myrtle Lodge, No.

858, I. O. O. F., Danville, and Lotus Conclave, No. 127, I. O. H.

John L. Flick, the grandfather of Mrs. Ricketts, was born Jan. 11, 1815, in Madison township, Columbia Co., Pa., a son of Daniel Flick and a grandson of John Flick, of Philadelphia. When a young man he moved to Muncy, Lycoming county, where he taught school and later learned the carpenter's trade. Subsequently he bought a small tract of land in West Hemlock township. He engaged here in farming and in his shop put up a small turning lathe with which he made stair rails, which he disposed of in Danville. He was handy with tools and could do all kinds of wood work. On March 4, 1838, he married Elizabeth Schoener (Shaner), born Aug. 17, 1824, died March 28, 1895, and they had the following children: Erastus Valerian; Charles, deceased, married a Miss Russell, who died in Philadelphia; Horace Curtis, who lives in Oregon; Angeline Blanche, who married Ellis Betts, of Muncy, now living in Pueblo, Colo.; Robert Bruce, who lives at Williamsport, married to Sophia Caselberry; Sarah Melissa, who is the wife of Levi V. Beyer, of Valley township; William E., of Danville, married to Mary Ann Bloomer; Daniel, who married Mary Fox; Margaret Jane, who married William Taylor (deceased) and (second) Albert Wiedman, of Norristown, Pa.; Mary Catherine, who died when eight years old; and Elizabeth, deceased. John L. Flick died March 4, 1886, and he and his wife were buried in the Columbia Church cemetery in West Hemlock township. She was a member of the Evangelical Church (Shepps) in that township.

Erastus Valerian Flick was born in West Hemlock township, Montour Co., Pa., and died at Three Rivers, Mich., April 4, 1909. He attended the country schools and followed farming, acquiring a farm of 165 acres, which he continued to operate until three years after the death of his first wife. He served two enlistments in the Union army during the Civil war. In 1862 he enlisted for nine months in Company F, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, from Montour county, and was honorably discharged at Harrisburg in July, 1863. In his second enlistment he went as a substitute. When he returned from the army his health was impaired and he had to give up farming. For twenty-five years he kept the "Oak Tree Hotel" in Valley township, which he sold in 1904, moving to Three Rivers, Mich., where he lived retired until his death, when aged sixty-eight years, six months, fourteen days.

He was interred in Riverside cemetery in that place.

Erastus Valerian Flick was married first to Susanna Matilda Beyer, a daughter of Philip Beyer, and they had the following children: Margaret, who married John Cooper, of Danville; Philip Ambrose, who lives in Chicago; Emma Jane, Mrs. Ricketts; Mary Catherine, who died in August, 1872, aged four years; and Cora Agnes, who is the wife of Abraham Overdorf, of Riverside, Northumberland Co., Pa. The mother of these children died Oct. 20, 1871, aged twenty-nine years, and was buried in the graveyard of the Reformed Church at Mausdale. Mr. Flick's second marriage was to Sarah Jane Beyer, born Sept. 19, 1848, and four children were born to that union: Bertha, who died aged fifteen years; Harry, who lives in Colorado; Edna, who is the wife of Oyd Pursell, of Three Rivers; and John, who married Bessie Davis. Mrs. Flick resides at Three Rivers, Mich. Mr. Flick was a man of public importance during his active years, serving as supervisor in Valley township and also as a justice of the peace. He was a member of St. John's Reformed Church at Mausdale, Montour county.

Philip Beyer, father of Mrs. Susanna Matilda (Beyer) Flick, was a farmer and distiller of Valley township. He was married twice, and had the following children by the first union: Saul, who married Susan Snyder; Frank; Edward, who married Agnes Stettler; John, who married Mary Catherine Nevins; Peter, who married Mary Hilkert; Margaret, who married Israel Heller; Elizabeth, who married Henry Snyder, of Three Rivers, Mich.; Susanna Matilda, who married Erastus V. Flick; Sarah Jane, who was the second wife of Erastus V. Flick; Philip, who married Matilda Hower; and a child that died young. By his second marriage, to Mrs. Phile, there were no children. Mr. Beyer and his first wife are buried at the Lutheran Church in Washingtonville, and his second wife is buried at the Hendrickson Church, in Valley township.

DAVID SMITH, an old-time farmer of Anthony township, Montour county, located just east of Exchange, has been a lifelong resident of this section, having been born in the township (where Samuel Smith afterward lived) Sept. 10, 1844, son of John Smith.

John Smith, father of David Smith, was born about 1800 in Berks county, Pa., and died in 1881, at the age of eighty-one. He was married in Lehigh county, Pa., to Hannah Stufflick, also of Berks county, who died in 1887, at the

age of eighty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith came to what is now Montour county from Lehigh county, about 1835, settling where Samuel Smith afterward resided. Mr. Smith was always a farmer. His first purchase was two hundred acres, to which he added as prosperity enabled him, owning four hundred acres at the time of his death, which occurred April 25, 1879. He and his wife, who died in October, 1882, are buried in the Turbotville German Reformed Cemetery. They were strict church members. They had a family of twelve children, of whom two survive, David, the eleventh in the family, and Levi, now living retired at Norristown, Pennsylvania.

David Smith was reared on the farm where he was born and received his education in the neighborhood. There he did farm work until twenty-one years old, when he married and moved to another place in Anthony township, at the crossroad schoolhouse, where he followed agricultural pursuits on his own account for something over twenty years. He made practically all the improvements on that place, and put up all the buildings except the barn, erecting a good house, at a cost of between \$2,000 and \$2,500, besides the labor. From there Mr. Smith moved in 1889 to his present location, east of Exchange, where he is still carrying on general farming and stock raising, and he owns a steam threshing machine which he operates during the season, finding plenty of work in the locality. He has always been enterprising and industrious, and has frequently had other interests to attend to in addition to his farming. In July, 1885, he was commissioned to carry the United States mail daily between Danville and Exchange, and was engaged at this work for two years and six months. He has served his township five years as supervisor, to which office he was first elected in 1883, and he has always been active in politics in the interest of the Republican party. He was reared in the faith of the Reformed Church, and holds membership at Strawberry Ridge, where his wife also belongs.

On Sept. 26, 1865, Mr. Smith was married to Ellen C. Dieffenbacher, who was born July 22, 1841, in Derry township, Montour county, daughter of Benjamin and Mary Sophia (Troxel) Dieffenbacher. Her father, born in Derry township May 11, 1812, died May 11, 1900, at the home of David Smith. During his later years he made his home with his three daughters, Mrs. William Berger, Mrs. Joel Bitler and Mrs. Smith. The mother, born in Lehigh county, Pa., Oct. 9, 1823, died July 16, 1876, and was buried at the Strawberry Ridge

cemetery. Mr. Dieffenbacher was one of the organizers of that church. He and his wife were married June 18, 1840.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of whom four are living: Ella Minta May, born Nov. 28, 1872, is the wife of Williams Mills, of Exchange, and has two children; Benjamin Franklin, born Aug. 16, 1875, married Susie Snyder, of Anthony township, and they have three children; John Edmund, born Aug. 16, 1875 (twin of Benjamin F.), now farming with his father, married Tillie Corderman and has five children; David Alfred, born March 6, 1878, married Ella Cowell, of Anthony township, and has two children. The deceased are Mary Magdalena, born July 22, 1866, died Aug. 20, 1866; William Grant, born Sept. 27, 1868, died Oct. 6, 1887; Emma Elmira, born March 27, 1871, died Sept. 6, 1871; Lillie Birdie, born Jan. 4, 1881, died Aug. 25, 1881.

JOHN H. LEIDY, now living retired at Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa., is the oldest resident of that place. He was born in Hemlock township, Columbia Co., Pa., June 1, 1834, son of Peter Leidy, and grandson of Paul Leidy.

The latter was born in New Jersey, and came to Columbia county.

Peter Leidy, son of Paul Leidy, was born in Columbia county, Pa., in 1801. He was a farmer and carpenter, and spent the greater part of his life in Hemlock township, Columbia county, where he died in 1878. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine Ernest, was a daughter of Christian Ernest. They were the parents of six children, of whom John H., William J. (of Liberty township) and Hannah Jane (wife of Nathan Shugart, of Reading, Pa.) survive.

John H. Leidy assisted his father in farm work, first in Hemlock township and later in Anthony township, Montour county. Afterward he learned the wagonmaker's trade at Bloomsburg, Pa., where he remained three years. He then came to Washingtonville, Montour county, and worked at his trade until 1862, when he enlisted for nine months in Company G, 178th Regiment, Pennsylvania militia, which was mustered in Oct. 21, 1862, and assigned to the Army of the Potomac, being in the vicinity of Richmond under General Meade. Mr. Leidy was under Capt. William G. Adams, and was second sergeant of his company. At the expiration of his term of service he was mustered out at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Pa., July 27, 1863, and returning home resumed

work as a carpenter and painter, which he continued until his retirement, in 1908. He is now the only veteran residing at Washingtonville, and belongs to Goodrich Post No. 22, G. A. R., at Danville.

Mr. Leidy was married to Serena Hendershot, a native of Columbia county, born May 16, 1840, daughter of William and Mary (Schooley) Hendershot, natives of New Jersey. Mr. Hendershot was a farmer, came to Columbia county at an early date, and prospered here. Mr. and Mrs. Leidy became the parents of four children, two of whom are deceased: James C., born Sept. 19, 1857, married Anna Beckley, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Elizabeth, born July 30, 1867, married A. A. Sweitzer, of Washingtonville, and has a son, James L., the only grandchild.

Mr. Leidy is a member of Derry Lodge, No. 759, I. O. O. F., at Washingtonville, having joined when the lodge was organized there, and has acted as secretary a number of times. In politics he is a Democrat, and he has served as Burgess of Washingtonville, and for many years was school director. He and his wife belong to the Washingtonville Presbyterian Church. During his long and useful life here he has proved himself worthy of confidence and respect and commands both from his fellow citizens.

JAMES TOOHEY, proprietor of the "Union Hotel" at Danville, Montour county, was born in Danville May 18, 1867, and is a son of John and Margaret (Hannon) Tooley.

John Tooley, father of James Tooley, was born in County Cork, Ireland, and came to the United States in young manhood, locating first in New York State, and later at Danville, Pa., where he was employed in railroad construction work. He subsequently became a puddler in the Waterman & Beaver rolling mills (later owned by the Reading Iron Company), and was so employed until the time of his retirement, about 1900. He now lives at the home of his son, and is seventy-seven years of age (1914). He married Margaret Hannon, daughter of John Hannon, of New London, Conn., and to this union were born children as follows: Catherine, who has lived with her brother since the mother's death; Margaret, wife of William McVey, of the Reading Iron Works, Danville; Mary, a trained nurse; Helen, who is engaged in teaching school at Danville; James; Edward, who makes his home in Cleveland, Ohio; John, of Danville; and William and Thomas, who reside with their brother James.

James Tooley, son of John Tooley, attended

public school until 1882, in which year he entered upon his career as an employee at the Reading Iron Works, and there was promoted from time to time until he attained a responsible position. In 1905 Mr. Tooley gave up his position and purchased the "Union Hotel," formerly known as the "Tittle House," one of the old landmarks of Danville, built more than forty-five years ago and first called the "Hudson River Hotel." He has continued to operate it successfully, and it has become one of the most popular hostleries in this section. Mr. Tooley does everything possible for the comfort and convenience of the traveling public who patronize his house, and his efforts have been rewarded by a full share of custom.

Mr. Tooley is a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He belongs to Danville Aerie, No. 338, Fraternal Order of Eagles, in which he has passed all the chairs; was connected with the German Verein of Danville, now disbanded; is a member of Montour Lodge, No. 1133, Loyal Order of Moose, of Danville; and of Danville Nest, No. 1240, Order of Owls. A Democrat in his political views, he has staunchly supported his party's principles and candidates, but has not desired public office on his own account.

**MILES WILLIAM SMITH**, shipping clerk for the Danville Hardware & Supply Co., was born in Chulasky (Red Point), Northumberland Co., Pa., April 28, 1848, son of Hiram Smith.

Hiram Smith, the father, was born May 15, 1815, son of David Smith, and died April 23, 1877, at Danville, Pa., where he is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery. By trade he was a blacksmith. He left Chulasky when his son Miles was very young and went to Swedeland, Upper Merion township, Montgomery county, where he acted as blacksmith in the blast furnaces. After a short trip to Danville he returned to the furnaces and was made engineer as well as blacksmith. Later he moved back to Danville and acted as water man in the Co-operative Mill. He married Rebecca Hoffman, who was born Jan. 18, 1820, daughter of Daniel and Catherine Hoffman, and they had children as follows: (1) Daniel H. enlisted in Company F, 112th Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, served three years, and was a member of Goodrich Post, No. 22, G. A. R., Danville. He was killed in the Reading Iron Works at the age of sixty. (2) Charles died young. (3) Christianna died in infancy. (4) Miles W. is mentioned below. (5) Warren L. married Annie Witmer. (6) Hiram, deceased, married Mary

Wank, who lives at Milton, Pa. (7) Colbert K. is living in Danville. (8) Orlando died young. Mr. Smith was a Democrat and a member of Montour Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F. His wife, who died Oct. 29, 1896, lies beside him in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville.

Miles W. Smith was educated in the schools of Swedeland and Chulasky, and finished his schooling with two terms in the Danville Academy. He was obliged to walk every day from Chulasky to Danville to attend this school. For two years after his school days he was clerk in the store of Maltby & Kase at Chulasky, and then worked as a laborer in the furnaces there until 1870. Thereafter for four years he was employed in the blast furnace of Grove Brothers, Danville, and for two years with Waterman & Beaver. He also worked for Howe & Samuel, in the Danville Tube Works, for a short time. He then went with the Welliver Hardware Company, which later became the Danville Hardware & Supply Company, and after the first five years was made shipping clerk, the position he now holds.

Miles W. Smith married Margaret C. Hoffman, daughter of Daniel Hoffman, and they have had children as follows: Stella F., who is the wife of Walter Bowen, of Danville, and has two children, Miles Stanley and Robert Lawrence; Hiram M., at home; Ethel L., who is the wife of James E. Bennett, and has one child, James E.; Robert, at home; Charles, who died when two years old; and an infant that died unnamed. Mr. Smith is a Democrat and a member of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church. He is a past grand of Myrtle Lodge, No. 858, I. O. O. F., and has been recording secretary for twenty-five years; is a past sachem of Mahoning Tribe, No. 77, I. O. R. M., and has been chief of records for twenty years and is a past patriarch (and scribe for two years) of Mnemoloton Encampment, No. 40, I. O. O. F., of Danville.

Daniel Hoffman, father of Mrs. M. W. Smith, was born in Schuylkill county, and came to Danville when he was fourteen years old. He was a stove moulder by trade. He was married three times, his first wife being Catherine Lemberg, who is laid to rest in Grove cemetery. Margaret C. Smith was the only child by this union. His second wife was Lucy Fulkerson, and they had these children: Amy F.; Robert F.; and Mary C. The mother of this family is buried in the Presbyterian cemetery at Danville. Mr. Hoffman's third wife was Elizabeth Hart, by whom he had no children; she is buried at Muncy Valley. Mr. Hoffman was a Republican, a member of

Myrtle Lodge, No. 858, I. O. O. F., and a member of Mahoning Presbyterian Church, in the cemetery of which he is buried.

JOSHUA HAGERMAN, farmer and stock raiser of Anthony township, Montour county, was born there Dec. 22, 1841, on his present homestead. His parents were Mahlon and Catherine (Weidman) Hagerman, his grandparents Joshua and Susanna (Diltz) Hagerman, who had a family of five children. Joshua Hagerman came to Pennsylvania from New Jersey with two brothers, settling in Northampton county, where he farmed the rest of his life.

Mahlon Hagerman was born May 22, 1813, in Northampton county, Pa., and was the fourth child in his parents' family. He was reared in his native county, and remained there until his removal to what is now Montour county in the spring of 1841. Then he bought a tract of land in Anthony township including property which is the present home of his son Joshua, on which he settled, and which he cleared and greatly improved. His original purchase was 300 acres, part of which he sold, the farm now comprising two tracts—168 acres. As he prospered he acquired other holdings. Mr. Hagerman was active and prominent in township affairs, serving his fellow citizens one term as supervisor and one term as overseer of the poor. He lived to the great age of ninety-two years, dying in February, 1905.

On Oct. 22, 1838, Mr. Hagerman married, in Northampton county, Pa., Catherine Weidman, daughter of John and Hannah Weidman, the former of whom died in 1840, the latter about 1870; they are buried in Northampton county. Mrs. Hagerman died in 1895. Six children were born to her and her husband: Joshua; Sarah Ann, widow of Charles Smith, living in Anthony township, Montour Co., Pa.; Susan Ellen, wife of William Weyers, of Findlay, Ohio; Harriet Catherine, wife of Clayton Ford, of Findlay, Ohio; John, of Turbotville, Pa., who married Amanda Snyder; and Jacob, deceased.

Joshua Hagerman was reared at his present home and received his education in the public schools of the district. From the age of twelve until he was a young man of twenty-three he farmed for his father, after that engaging in agricultural pursuits on his own account, and he bought the homestead in 1895. He has always lived there. He has been a successful farmer and stock raiser, and is one of the most respected residents of his section.

His life work has been farming, and he has had a quiet career, taking no part in public matters. Politically he is a Democrat. He was reared in the Turbotville Reformed Church.

In 1876 Mr. Hagerman married Sarah Albeck, a native of Anthony township, born in 1859, who died Dec. 11, 1893. She was a member of the Lutheran Church at Turbotville, a charitable Christian woman, and well liked by all who knew her. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hagerman: Mahlon, born Oct. 25, 1882, a farmer, married Stella Lily (born July 21, 1881) and has two children, Lee (born Dec. 8, 1902) and Ruth (born Oct. 23, 1906); Elizabeth, born March 11, 1891, is married to Jud. Ford, of Northumberland county, and has one child, Marie Arline, born March 13, 1913.

Michael and Rosanna (Litchard) Albeck, grandparents of Mrs. Joshua Hagerman, were farming people in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to this country in 1830. They landed at New York after a voyage of forty-two days, and remained there long enough to buy a horse. Then, with a wagon brought from the old country, they set out for Pennsylvania, and arrived safely on the Muncy Hills with their eight children, namely: Gottlieb; Michael, who lived in Lycoming county, Pa.; George, deceased; John, in Danville, Pa.; Jacob, of Anthony township; Rosanna, deceased; Catherine, deceased; and Christianna, wife of Isaac Kisner, of Clarkestown, Lycoming county. Michael Albeck settled in Anthony township, in what is now Montour county, where his son Jacob afterward lived, buying sixty-two acres, of which five were cleared, and he remained there until his death, Dec. 23, 1862. The mother died Nov. 11, 1866.

Gottlieb Albeck, father of Mrs. Hagerman, made his home in Anthony township. He married Catherine Schwartz, and they had a family of nine children, of whom only two survive: Michael, who married Henrietta Hill and lives in Moreland township, Lycoming Co., Pa.; and Isaac, who married Margaret Neupher and lives in Anthony township, Montour county. Some of the others were Jacob, John, George, David and Sarah.

OMER F. YOUNG, who is proprietor of a merchant tailoring establishment at Danville, Pa., is a native of the State of Maryland, born Jan. 21, 1857. He is a son of John D. and Maria (Keyser) Young.

Dewold Young, the paternal grandfather of

Omer F. Young, served in the war of 1812 from Maryland, later became a brickmaker and contractor, and died at the age of eighty-seven years.

John D. Young, son of Dewold Young, was born in Washington county, Md., and when a young man adopted the merchant tailoring and clothing business as his life work, continuing to make that his business throughout his active career. A stalwart Republican, in 1860 he cast one of the two votes for Abraham Lincoln polled in his home town, which had a population of more than a thousand. He married Maria Keyser, also a native of Washington county, Md., and they became the parents of six children, as follows: Charles, who is connected with the United States mail service in the State of Maryland; Omer F.; Howard, United States government gauger at Clear Spring, Md.; Ellsworth, residing at Roanoke, Va.; Adella, living at Clear Spring, Md.; and George B., also a resident of that place.

Omer F. Young, son of John D. Young, completed his education in the public schools of his native locality, following which he started to learn the trade of cabinetmaker, but later gave this up to learn the tailor's trade. He was thus engaged until receiving his appointment as deputy sheriff of Washington county, Md. When his term of office expired he resumed tailoring, which he followed successfully in Maryland until 1887. That year Mr. Young removed to Danville, Pa., where he embarked in his present business, an enterprise that has steadily continued to develop until he now controls a large trade drawn from all over this section. Mr. Young is a thorough master of his trade, and his reputation for high-class work has done much to extend the area from which his patronage is derived.

In 1889 Mr. Young was married to Catherine Schuster, and to this union there has been born one son, Charles O., now twenty-three years of age, a young business man of Danville. Mr. and Mrs. Young are members of the Lutheran Church. Like his father he is a staunch Republican, but he has not sought preferment on his own account.

WILLIAM SMITH JOHNSON is one of the best known residents of Berwick, to which town he came when a boy, in 1880. Ever since he began work he has been with the plant now owned by the American Car & Foundry Company, formerly carried on by the Jackson & Woodin Company. As general superintendent at Berwick for the last nine years his duties have been so ably discharged as to com-

mand the thorough confidence of the heads of the concern, and in his wise administration of affairs under his charge he has gained the positive respect of every employee with whom he has come in contact. Mr. Johnson is, moreover, actively interested in the public welfare, and has worked for the good of the town through various channels. He was born Aug. 23, 1871, at Light Street, Columbia county, son of Mason Crory Johnson.

Stephen C. Johnson, his grandfather, was born in Rhode Island, and settled in Luzerne county, Pa. His wife, Susanna, was the daughter of William Erwine, and they had the following children: George W. married Phoebe Weiss; Mason Crory is mentioned below; Stephen died while serving in the Civil war; Samuel married Augusta Price; Harriet married Emanuel Ruckle; Sarah married Alexander Kramer.

Mason Crory Johnson was born June 18, 1835, at Beach Haven, Luzerne Co., Pa., and received his education in the common schools at Huntington Mills. For a number of years he was employed in the ore mines between Bloomsburg and Light Street, for the Irondale Company and McKelvey & Neal, working at the Neal furnace until thirty-five years old. While thus engaged he lived at Light Street. During the Civil war he was in Company G, 21st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Kline, which was organized at Harrisburg in 1863, and was discharged in September of that year at Harrisburg by Governor Curtin. In 1879 Mr. Johnson came to Berwick and entered the establishment of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, continuing with their successors, the American Car & Foundry Company. He is a highly esteemed citizen of Berwick, a member of the Presbyterian Church, and well known among his fellow employees. He married Laura Smith, who was born in 1845, and they are the parents of six children: William Smith married Emma Faust; Catherine is married to Bruce Johnson; Josephine is the wife of Ezra Housenick; Warren Victor married Beulah H. Macpherson; Ernest married Pauline McMichael; Edith married Roy W. Bowman.

Elias Smith, father of Mrs. Laura (Smith) Johnson, came to this section from Belvidere, N. J. His death occurred in 1881. His wife's name was Catherine Stucker, and they had a family of eight children, Mrs. Johnson's brother and sisters being: Mary, wife of Gervis Ober; Almira, wife of Andrew Terwilliger; Savilla, wife of Jacob Claussen; William



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McK., who married Emma Nixon; Catherine, wife of Joseph Hickman; Martha Jane, wife of William Bahme; and Burnetta, wife of William Ent. The father was a Presbyterian in religion.

William Smith Johnson began his education in the common schools at Light Street, after the family's removal to Berwick attending the Market street school there and later the high school, from which he was graduated in 1891. Meantime he had commenced work, having started as a call boy in the foundry when fourteen years old, and he spent a year and a half in the machine shop. After finishing his high school course he went to work in the casting foundry, as coremaker, under William Scholes, foreman. From there he was transferred to the smith shop, under Foreman William Boyles, thence to the rolling mill under Superintendent J. H. Catterall. His next change was to the time office of the upper and lower works, following which he was clerk for William H. Woodin, Jr., the district manager. After some experience in the forge shops as inspector and cost clerk, under Superintendent James G. Hempstead, he became blacksmith foreman under Mr. Hempstead in the forge department, and was so employed until made shop representative under Mr. Lowry, in charge of the old wood car department. In 1905 he was made general superintendent at Berwick for the American Car and Foundry Company, which had in the meantime acquired ownership of the works. Mr. Johnson's varied experience in the different departments was excellent preparation for his present position, which requires thorough familiarity with the practical part of the work, a comprehensive understanding of the relations of the various departments each to the other, and executive ability which must be relied upon to make the best of every situation which arises. That he has measured up to this difficult standard is evident from the length of time he has been retained in so important a position. He has accommodated himself to the growth of the plant and been a factor in its progress to such an extent that he is considered one of the most valuable citizens of Berwick. His agreeable personality has made his relations with his fellow men in every association pleasant.

Mr. Johnson is a leading worker in the Republican party in Columbia county, following in the footsteps of his forefathers, his grandfather having been a Whig, his father a Republican. He is a member of the Republican State central committee. Mr. Johnson has

served his fellow citizens as a member of the school board, and he has been particularly interested in the overthrow of the liquor traffic, being opposed to the use and sale of intoxicants. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church, of which he has been a trustee for eighteen years. As a member of the board of managers of the Berwick Y. M. C. A. he has had a hand in shaping its policies and has done all in his power to promote its work. He is also a member of the Berwick Beneficial Association, and socially belongs to Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., and to the Berwick Club.

Mr. Johnson was united in marriage Jan. 19, 1894, with Emma Faust, and their children have been born as follows: Clark Faust, Nov. 1, 1894; Frederick Russell, Jan. 8, 1897; Albert Mason, July 12, 1898; Richard Monroe, Jan. 6, 1901; Mary Catherine, July 16, 1904; Josephine Housenick, Dec. 18, 1906; Ella Pauline, April 23, 1910; William Smith, Jr., Jan. 10, 1914.

Mrs. Johnson is a great-granddaughter of John and Rosena (Hungsinger) Faust, whose children were: John, George, William, Henry, Jameson, Phoebe, Betsy, Jacob and Rosena.

William Faust, her grandfather, was a native of Pennsylvania and passed all his life in this State. After reaching his majority he settled in Locust Valley, Schuylkill county, where he bought four hundred acres of timberland and there spent a number of years. He built a sawmill, cleared his land and followed farming. He died at the age of fifty-two years, and his wife, Rebecca (Lindemuth), died July 17, 1897. Their fourteen children were as follows: Israel, deceased; John, deceased; Joseph, who is a contractor in Berwick; William; Henry, deceased; Eli, deceased; George, a resident of St. Nicholas, Pa.; Amos, of Mahanoy City, Pa.; Eliza, Mrs. D. S. Scheipe, deceased; Ann, wife of J. J. Welborn, of Mahanoy City; Catherine, Mrs. William Allen; Rosanna, Mrs. J. B. Koppenhoffer; Lucetta, Mrs. J. R. Thompson; and Rebecca, Mrs. H. R. Manger, of New Boston, Pennsylvania.

William Faust, father of Mrs. Johnson, was born July 3, 1845, in Locust Valley, where he spent his boyhood. When fourteen years old he moved with his parents to Middleport, Schuylkill county. At the age of sixteen he enlisted in Company I, 48th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, as musician, and served through the war, first in the 9th Army Corps, under General Burnside. He took part in the engagements at Bull Run (second), South

Mountain, Antietam and Fredericksburg, had a furlough of thirty days, and on his return to the service joined Grant's command. With that he participated in the battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, and was discharged June 12, 1865, with an honorable record. Mr. Faust learned the trade of cabinetmaker, and in 1867 came to Berwick and entered the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company's plant, where after eleven years' employment in the carpentry department he became its foreman, in 1878, with eighty men under him. They turned out fifteen cars a day. He passed the rest of his life in Berwick, dying at the age of fifty-six years. He belonged to the I. O. O. F. and took quite a prominent part in the borough government, serving several times as member of the town council. His wife, Mary (Smith), was a daughter of John Smith, of Black Creek, Luzerne county. They had three children: Frank, who is employed by the American Car and Foundry Company; Emma, Mrs. William Smith Johnson; and Charles, who died in infancy.

RAYMOND JACK HAUSER, M. D., physician and surgeon of Danville, was born in Mahoning township, Montour Co., Pa., July 25, 1886, son of William B. and Rosa (Brady) Hauser.

William B. Hauser was born in Montour county, as was his wife. He is a bricklayer by trade. They have two children, Raymond Jack and Dorothy Mary, the latter attending grammar school in Danville.

Raymond Jack Hauser was educated in the public and high schools of Danville and the University of Pennsylvania, being graduated from the medical department of that institution in 1910 with honors. For the next six months he was chief resident physician at the West Chester (Pa.) hospital, and then spent six months more as chief resident physician at the Chester hospital. In 1911 he came to Danville and established himself in general practice, and later was appointed physician attached to the Montour county poorhouse and the county jail, holding this appointment until Jan. 1, 1914. He is physician for the Danville Structural Tubing Company.

Professionally Dr. Hauser belongs to the Montour County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he belongs to Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., and the Loyal Order of Moose. His career as a medical man, though brief, has already been

marked by success, and he stands very high in his profession.

HARVEY G. WAGNER, of Danville, is in business as proprietor of a meat market and liveryman. He was born at Washingtonville, in Derry township, Montour Co., Pa., Oct. 17, 1880, son of Daniel Wagner. Michael Wagner, his grandfather, was born in Pennsylvania; his wife was a Miss Dieffenbaucher.

Daniel Wagner, son of Michael Wagner, was born June 27, 1851, at Washingtonville, Montour county, and has been a farmer all his life. His wife, born in August, 1854, bore the maiden name of Sarah Dietrich, and is a daughter of Gideon and Susan (Moser) Dietrich, natives of Berks county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wagner had ten children, nine of whom are living: Lawrence; Iva, who is the wife of Calvin Cromley, a farmer; Harvey G.; Homer, who resides at Youngstown, Ohio; David, who resides in Flanders, N. J.; Welletta, who married William Hartline; Palmer, deceased; Mary, deceased; Elmer, who resides with his brother Harvey G.; and John, who also lives with Harvey.

Harvey G. Wagner attended the local school in Derry township until fifteen years old. From that time he worked among the farmers of the township until he was eighteen years old, when he went to New York State, doing farm work and later becoming foreman in a nursery. When twenty-four years old he returned to his native county, and settling at Danville opened his present meat market, which he is operating very successfully. In July, 1913, he started a livery business, which he carries on in addition to his meat market. The livery is located in the rear of the "Montour House."

While in New York State Mr. Wagner met and married Mary Brown, who was born Aug. 26, 1879, in St. Lawrence county, N. Y., daughter of Kingsley and Elizabeth (Paul) Brown. They have no children. Trinity Lutheran Church holds Mr. Wagner's membership. Politically he is a Democrat, but he has had no time to enter public life, devoting himself diligently to his business.

WILLIAM GEORGE TURNER, of Danville, one of the oldest active employees in the mills of the Reading Iron Company, was born in that borough March 20, 1862.

William Turner, his father, was born in Lancashire, England, and came to Danville with his parents at the age of eight years. He was a brickmaker by trade and during the winter season was employed at foundry work in Dan-

ville. He died in October, 1862, at Point Lookout, Md., as the result of being wounded. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company H, 93d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was attached to the Army of the Potomac.

William Turner married Mary Bear, a native of Northumberland county, Pa., born March 31, 1824, daughter of John Bear. She died Aug. 1, 1909, at the age of eighty-four years, the mother of three children, of whom William George is the only survivor.

William George Turner was reared at Danville in the care of his widowed mother, and received his education at White Hall, Pa., in the Soldiers' Orphans' School in Cumberland county. When a youth of seventeen he commenced to work in the mills, where he has ever since been employed, formerly by Waterman & Beaver, and now with the Reading Iron Company. By intelligent and reliable work he has gained the confidence of all his superiors, being now boss rougher in the mills. He is a man of substantial qualities, and is one of the good citizens of Danville.

On Nov. 7, 1888, Mr. Turner married Minnie Lunger, who was born April 23, 1871, at Danville, daughter of Samuel Lunger, and granddaughter of John and Ann Lunger. Her father, born at Danville April 27, 1841, was a brickmaker by trade, and died April 16, 1914. On Aug. 8, 1861, he married Isabelle Paugh, whose father, William Paugh, was engaged at the Danville Roller Mills. Mrs. Lunger was born March 12, 1843, and is now seventy-one years old. To her and her husband were born four children, of whom one is deceased, the others being: Mrs. Turner; Anna, born July 6, 1864, wife of Harry Stetler, of Johnstown, Pa.; and Thomas, born July 29, 1874, of Trenton, N. J., who married Ida Ritter, of Mooresburg, Montour Co., Pa. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Turner: Ralph Edward, born March 7, 1890, now at Johnstown; Harry Clinton, born July 21, 1891, also at Johnstown; William Harrison, born July 21, 1893, at home; Isabelle Marie, born Dec. 1, 1894; Mary Elizabeth, born Jan. 6, 1897; Samuel Rauch, born Feb. 27, 1899, at home; Howard Valentine, born Feb. 14, 1902; and Anna Catherine, born Jan. 26, 1906. The eldest son, Ralph Edward, has served in the United States navy, and was on the "Kearsarge" during her memorable trip around the world under Admiral "Bob" Evans. Mr. Turner was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, belonging to the Pine Street Church, and his wife is a member of Trinity Methodist Church.

Mrs. Turner's father, Samuel Lunger, was in the nine months' service during the Civil war as member of Company A, 132d Pennsylvania Volunteers.

JOHN LEWIS JONES, who is in charge of the shipments of the Danville Structural Tubing Company's products, was born at Danville May 19, 1880, and is one of the native sons of Montour county.

Evan Jones, his father, came to Danville to enter the North Branch plant of the Steel Company as heater, and held the same position with the Tube Company. His death occurred May 8, 1895, when he was only thirty-nine years old. He married Ida F. Ware, a daughter of Daniel and Sarah Ann (Byerly) Ware, the former of whom, now deceased, was a veteran of the Civil war. His widow still survives. Mr. and Mrs. Jones became the parents of three children: Walter Edward, who resides at Philadelphia; Gordon Franklin; and John Lewis.

John Lewis Jones was only a lad when he had the misfortune to lose his father, so he was obliged to leave school and go to work to help support his mother. In 1897 he entered the Price Tube Works as a mill hand, and so proved his efficiency that in 1900 he was placed in charge of the shipping department, now supervising the shipping of the entire output.

Mr. Jones has had two children, but only one survives, John Paul, who was born July 31, 1908. Reared in the Catholic faith, Mr. Jones became a member of that church, belonging to St. Joseph's parish in Danville. He is also a member of St. Joseph's Total Abstinence Society. Becoming a member of Friendship Fire Company No. 1, in January, 1899, he was made its chief on Dec. 7, 1912. A man of the utmost reliability, Mr. Jones has proved his worth in every line of endeavor he has undertaken and deserves the promotion which has fallen to his lot.

MRS. AMELIA (MATUTEWIZZ) SWENTEK, a resident of Danville, Montour Co., Pa., was born in Poland, Russia, Oct. 5, 1866, a daughter of Justyn Matutewizz. He was born in Wojnuncé, Poland, in 1843, and came with his family to America in 1871, locating in Luzerne county, Pa. Although he had been a farmer in his native land, upon coming to Pennsylvania he found employment in the mines, and he lost his life in a mine accident, a cave-in shutting him off with twenty-five other miners. Rescue was impossible, the bodies of the unfortunates never being recovered. This lamentable event occurring on Dec. 18,

1885, Mrs. Swentek lost her father when she was nineteen years old. He died in the faith of the Catholic Church. The mother of Mrs. Swentek bore the maiden name of Anna Woysznor and she came of a noble Polish family. Her birth occurred in 1842, and she was a daughter of Vincent and Agatha (Kokucinias) Woysznor. The children born to Justyn Matutewizz and his wife were: Amelia, Mrs. Swentek; Louis, who resides at Carbondale, Pa.; and Steptania, who married Joseph Tratzki, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Swentek attended school during her girlhood and proved so bright a pupil that she had no difficulty in securing a position in the post office at Nanticoke, Pa., as a clerk. Later she clerked in a dry goods store for eighteen months, following which she made a trip to her old home to visit her grandparents. After a year's visit she returned to America and clerked for another year, when she was made manager and buyer of the shoe department in a large mercantile establishment, holding this responsible position for eight years. She was married Nov. 6, 1901, to Paul P. Swentek, born March 17, 1843, in Krotoschin, Posen, Prussia, a son of Paul and Agnes (Fuhman) Swentek.

Paul Swentek was a heavy landowner and served during the Thirty Years' war, in which he was killed when his son, Paul P., was two years old. The latter had a brother, who is also deceased.

PAUL P. SWENTEK had an illustrious record as an officer in several wars. He held an official position in his native country, but when the Polish rebellion broke out, although still a young man, he served with the Polish patriots. Captured, he was exiled to Siberia, but was fortunate enough to escape into Germany, where he became an officer in the army and participated in the Austro-German war in 1866, and was also an officer in the Franco-German war. While residing in Germany, between 1866 and 1870, he had charge of the "Hotel Du Nord" at Berlin, which is noted as being one of the old hostleries of that famous capital. Upon entering the army for service during the trouble with France he was made orderly to his general, and was decorated with the Iron Cross for distinguished bravery during that struggle. This honor is one that is appreciated beyond anything else by the officers of the German army and none attain to it unless specially deserving of distinction.

After completing his service in the army Mr. Swentek came to the United States, and with his brother found employment in the roller mills until he gained a fair working knowledge

of the language and customs in his new home at Danville. Within a short time he engaged in business for himself and soon took a place among the leading business men of his adopted city, where he owned and operated a general merchandise establishment, manufactured shoes and engaged in tailoring. Discontinuing this business, he began hotelkeeping in Danville where the "St. Elmo Hotel" is now conducted, and was thus occupied for seventeen years, when he retired. In 1902 he again entered the hotel business, which he continued until Jan. 21, 1910, at that time selling and retiring permanently because of failing health. He never regained his normal condition, and his death occurred July 8, 1911. All of his life he was a devout Catholic, and his widow is a member of the same church. Mr. Swentek was a Democrat, and served as a delegate to the national convention of his party held at St. Louis. Although he did not care for office, he was an enthusiastic worker for his party. Mr. and Mrs. Swentek had one child, Pauline Patronia, who was born Sept. 21, 1902.

CHARLES E. LAZARUS, a leading farmer and stock raiser of Liberty township, Montour county, was born Dec. 7, 1876, in Scott township, Columbia county. He is the son of Daniel T. Lazarus, a Civil war veteran, and grandson of Samuel Lazarus, one of the oldest settlers of Columbia county.

Samuel Lazarus was one of the first settlers of the county, during the period when the Indians roamed at will along their paths and scalped an occasional white man whom they found unprotected and alone. He built the old log houses on the "Grovania" farm, cleared the land and brought it under a state of culture. He donated the plot on which the Lazarus church and cemetery were located and was a fine example of the sturdy pioneer whose vigorous strokes hewed from the wilderness the home in which he reared his family.

Daniel T. Lazarus was born at Grovania, Columbia county, in 1840, and died in 1907. His education was gained in the "subscription" schools of his native village and he early took up the task of earning a living from the soil. When the Civil war began he enlisted in Company F, 178th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for a period of nine months, being honorably discharged at Harrisburg, July 27, 1863. After that he went to the West and worked on several railroads, in different positions. But the call of home finally brought him back to Columbia county and he remained there two years, later buying a tract of 105 acres in

Liberty township, Montour county, on which he spent the rest of his long and useful life. His heirs still own that farm.

Mr. Lazarus married Catherine Wertman, who was born Sept. 14, 1847, in Montour county, and now lives with Mrs. N. S. Keefer, of Liberty township. Her father, Michael Wertman, was born Sept. 2, 1812, near Bloomsburg, and was one of a family of old settlers of Cooper township who at one time owned large tracts of valuable ore land and mines near Danville. Mrs. Wertman was Barbara Mauser, daughter of Christian and Catherine (Sechler) Mauser, the Mauser family being one of the oldest in this county. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Lazarus two besides Charles E. are living in Liberty township: William H., a farmer, and Harriet Catherine, wife of Nathaniel Keefer.

Charles E. Lazarus attended the country schools and labored on the home farm until 1903, when he went on the present farm, which is the property of his mother, and took a life partner in the person of Dora Rae Cotner, born April 14, 1878, daughter of J. Dallas and Josephine (Stout) Cotner. To this union have been born four children: Maude, March 9, 1904 (died March 14, 1904); Stanley Edwin, April 23, 1906; Bernice Catherine, Jan. 31, 1908; and Anna Geraldine, July 13, 1911.

Mr. Lazarus takes but little interest in political parties, but is alive to the interests of his home county and participates in all movements having as their objects the improvement of methods and means for farming and developing the resources of his county. He is a member of the Oak Grove Lutheran Church, of the General Council, and supports all the benefices of that organization.

J. ORVILLE REED, veterinary surgeon, of Danville, has been in practice there since about 1897, and is considered one of the most reliable men in his line in that part of Montour county. Mr. Reed was born Nov. 10, 1874, in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa., son of Jacob Miles and Sarah (Fields) Reed, who are natives of Danville. They now live in Rush township, Northumberland county. The father has always been a farmer by occupation, though he read medicine for two years.

J. Orville Reed had the advantages of the public school, and also attended Danville Academy. After deciding to make veterinary surgery his life work he entered the Ontario Veterinary College at Toronto, graduating in 1896, and immediately began practice at Al-

bion, Mich., where he was located for one year. Returning thence to Danville he took up practice in that borough, where he has ever since remained. His services are in constant demand, and his skill and conscientious attention are recognized wherever he is called.

On June 24, 1907, Mr. Reed married Carrie Thompson, of Danville, who was born there Oct. 2, 1880, daughter of William and Martha (Erwine) Thompson, the former of whom is an ore miner. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have had two children, Martha Gertrude, born Jan. 20, 1910, and Mary Elizabeth, born July 31, 1911. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., Danville Chapter, No. 239, R. A. M., and Calvary Commandery, No. 37, K. T.

JAMES MARTIN, proprietor of a restaurant and confectionery business at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., was born at Danville, Dec. 16, 1865, son of Patrick Martin.

Patrick Martin was born in 1823 in County Westmeath, Ireland, and died at Danville, Jan. 20, 1906, aged eighty-three years. In young manhood he came to Danville, Pa., where he found employment in the Danville blast furnace, operated by Grove Brothers, and continued with this concern for many years. In 1853 he was married in Haycock township, Bucks Co., Pa., to Margaret Reilly, who was born in 1834 in County Cavan, Ireland, and came to America when fourteen years old. She survives Mr. Martin. He was a hard working man, and had the respect of all who knew him. They had the following family: Julia, who was the wife of Bigler Dean, and is deceased; Kate; Margaret, who married William Goodwin; Ella; Thomas; James; Mary, who married Dr. Archibald McBride, of Paterson, N. J., government meat inspector; Anna; John; Jennie, who married James Hickey; and Elizabeth, who married Thomas Kelly.

James Martin when only ten years old began working in the old Rough and Ready mills at Danville and held various positions in Danville mills until 1897, when he embarked in a grocery business, carrying it on for two years. Then he engaged in his present line, conducting a restaurant and handling confectionery, ice cream, cigars and tobacco. His success has been steady and he deserves his prosperity.

Mr. Martin was married to Bridget Duffey, who was born May 29, 1873, in Mahoning township, Montour county, a daughter of Owen Duffey, then a mill employee, but now a retired farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have had the following children: James, Emma,

Margaret, Eugene, Ruth, Isabelle and Lorena (twins, Lorena deceased), and Paul; the older ones attend school. Mr. Martin and his family belong to St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, and he is a member of the Society of the Holy Name. He is a charter member of Danville Lodge of Elks, No. 754. Mr. Martin is not interested in politics, devoting all of his attention to his business.

FRANK LEHMAN, who has recently settled on a farm in Limestone township, Montour county, near Ottawa, is a son of John Lehman and grandson of Michael Lehman. The latter came to America with his wife and son in 1882 and died May 21, 1893, in Danville, Pa., at the age of seventy-two years. His wife, Regina Goertz, subsequently returned to Germany, where she died Aug. 12, 1913.

John Lehman was born in Germany, Aug. 11, 1854, and there passed his youth and early manhood, bringing his family to America in 1883. They first came to Danville, Montour Co., Pa., where he found employment in the blast furnaces and remained until 1885. Removing to Williamsport, Pa., he remained there for seven months, and then returned to Danville and resumed work in the blast furnaces, being thus employed for a number of years. For several years he worked on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad. Later he secured work with the Hanover Brewing Company at Danville, where he has been employed for the last eighteen years. His home is now in Mahoning township, Montour county, at what is known as Sidler Hill. On Dec. 2, 1874, he married Elizabeth Leng, daughter of Martin Leng, and she died April 2, 1893, the mother of ten children: Fred, born March 30, 1876, now of Seattle, Wash.; August, born Jan. 4, 1880, of Portland, Maine; Frank; Jacob, born in November, 1885, of Watsontown, Pa.; Anna, born Sept. 8, 1878, of Williamsport, Pa.; Amelia, born July 19, 1887, wife of Harry Wertman, of Danville; Paul, deceased; and others who died in infancy in Germany. The father remarried, his second wife being Christine Letter, by which union there are three children: Michael, born Oct. 19, 1895; Mary, Dec. 8, 1897; and George, March 9, 1900.

Frank Lehman was born Nov. 8, 1882, in West Prussia, Germany, and was only eleven months old when the family came to America. He obtained his education in the common schools, after which he worked at the butcher business for several years, until he went to Derry township, Montour county, in 1903,

working on the Alexander Billmeyer farm there three years. Later he was employed at lumbering for two years, after that experience resuming farming for another three years, with Jacob Fry, of Hemlock township, Columbia county. In 1911 he again went to work at lumbering, and in 1913 he settled on the farm in Limestone township, near Ottawa, which he is now operating. It contains 175 acres, and Mr. Lehman is engaged in general farming for Henry Cooper. He is an industrious and thrifty farmer, and has the respect of all his neighbors. He gives all his time to his work, taking no part in politics or other public affairs.

Mr. Lehman is married to Ida Hawk, who was born Aug. 20, 1885, in Derry township, and belongs to one of the oldest families of the township, being a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Steinman) Hawk. They have had four children: John, born Nov. 21, 1902; Harry, born Jan. 19, 1905; Fred, born May 1, 1908; and Dorothy, born April 14, 1912. Mr. Lehman was reared in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

EMIL GAERTNER, proprietor of the Germania Brewery at Danville, was born in Germany, in Wagenstadt, Baden, Jan. 5, 1869, son of Herman and Regina (Mossman) Gaertner. The father was a landowner in Germany.

Emil Gaertner was reared by Gustave Gaertner, one of the original owners of the brewery, who was a son of Benedict Gaertner. The latter, rebelling against the government in the trouble with Prussia, came to the United States in 1848, and in 1849 was in the war with Mexico, being killed in the service. Prior to leaving Germany he had been a hotel man of prominence.

After completing his course in the public schools of Wagenstadt, Germany, Mr. Gaertner prepared himself for his future work by taking up fermentology at the Wahl-Henius Institute, in Chicago, Ill., in 1896. Following this he was made assistant brewmaster for Enz & Schafer, at Allegheny, Pa., and after four years was made brewmaster of their establishment, and so continued for four years more. Then he was made brewmaster of the Lauer brewery, at Pittsburgh, leaving after a year to spend three years at the Connellsville brewery. From the latter he went to Fairmont, W. Va., for three years, in the employ of the Fairmont brewery, and then became one of the organizers of the Cresson Springs Brewing Company in 1903, being its general manager and head brewer. Selling his interests in 1907, he bought

the Germania Brewing Company's plant at Danville, and has since conducted it. He belongs to the United States Brewmasters' Association, and fraternally is a member of the Danville lodges of the Elks, Eagles, Heptasophs and Loyal Order of Moose.

On July 24, 1892, Mr. Gaertner married Fredericka Walburg, of Dalkingen, Germany, and they have had seven children: Emil A., Flora, Adelheid, Albert J., Harry, Theodore and Anna. The family belong to St. Hubert's Catholic Church of Danville.

GEORGE RODENHOFER is an employee of the Danville Foundry & Machine Company and well known in the borough, where he held the office of assessor for twelve years. He was born in May, 1850, at Danville, a son of George and Rosanna (Osterman) Rodenhoffer.

Adam Rodenhoffer, the paternal grandfather of George Rodenhoffer, was a native of Germany, and following his death in the Fatherland his widow came to the United States with her son's family. She died at the remarkable age of ninety-eight years.

George Rodenhoffer, son of Adam and father of George Rodenhoffer, was born in February, 1805, in Bavaria, Germany, and was thirty-four years of age when he emigrated to America, locating at Pottsville, Pa., where he followed shoemaking until 1845. In that year he came to Danville, and secured employment in the rolling mill, where he continued until 1865. He did other work until 1869, when he removed to Liberty township, Montour county, and where his death occurred in 1885, when he was seventy-nine years of age. He was married to Rosanna Osterman, who was born in Prussia and came to America with her father, August Osterman, settling at Pottsville, Pa. Her death occurred in 1868, when she was fifty-two years old. Mr. and Mrs. Rodenhoffer had a family of eight children, of whom four now survive: Louis, of Buffalo, N. Y., who served in the Union army during the Civil war, and suffered the loss of a leg at Petersburg, in June, 1864; Rosanna, who is the wife of W. Zielenbach; Catherine, who married W. Stangier, and George.

After completing his studies in the public schools George Rodenhoffer secured a position in the Danville foundry, where he remained up to the age of fourteen years, when he entered the rolling mills. Following this he was employed in the coal mines for a year and a half, and he then spent five years in the tea business. Eventually he returned to the

rolling mills, where for two and a half years he acted in the capacity of foreman puddler. Being an expert in his line of work, his long experience made him one of the most valuable and valued men at the mills. He is now employed in the Danville Foundry & Machine Company's shops.

Mr. Rodenhoffer was married to Elizabeth Kinn, who was born at Danville, Pa., July 15, 1855, daughter of John B. and Barbara (Dietrich) Kinn, who came from Germany to Danville, where Mr. Kinn was employed in the mines and rolling mills. Mr. and Mrs. Rodenhoffer have had twelve children, of whom the following are living: Frank; Mary, who became the wife of Joseph Lawson, of Scranton, Pa., and has four children; Harry, who is in the United States army and is now stationed in Tampico, Mexico; Mildred T., who lives with her parents; Rose, who married Frank Faulk, of Pittsburgh, and has one child; and Coletta, the wife of Raymond Foust, who has one child (she lives with her father).

Mr. Rodenhoffer was reared in the faith of St. Hubert's Catholic Church. In political matters a Democrat, he has ever been active in support of his party's principles and candidates, and has held a number of offices, having been borough assessor for twelve years. He is a worthy example of the self-made man, having been the architect of his own fortune, and is eminently deserving of the universal esteem in which he is held.

SAMUEL WESLEY BAKER, deceased, former commander of Col. W. H. Ent Post, No. 250, G. A. R., of Bloomsburg, Pa., was born July 12, 1844, in Centre township, Columbia county, son of Melanchthon Baker and a descendant of an English family which settled in New York State in early Colonial times.

Melanchthon Baker was born in New York State Aug. 28, 1811, and followed the occupation of bridge building. Coming to Columbia county, Pa., he worked on the Pennsylvania canal as boatman, carrying coal to the Southern markets. He first ran boats for one of the freight carrying companies, but later owned a boat of his own. A few years before his death he retired and lived with his son, Samuel W. Baker. He owned a home and five acres of land in Centre township, which he cultivated occasionally. His wife, Asenath (McAllister), was of Irish parentage, and their children were: Adelia Jane, born March 21, 1832, married Theodore C. Fowler, of Bloomsburg; William Erastus, born Jan. 27, 1835, married Hetty Fenstermaker; Mary De-



lilah, born April 21, 1836, died Jan. 5, 1837; Clarissa Rebecca, born May 11, 1840, died Sept. 21, 1840; George Milford, born Sept. 8, 1841, married Alverna Creveling, who lives at Espy; and Samuel Wesley completes the family. Mr. Baker died Nov. 2, 1878, and his wife Dec. 5, 1868, both being buried in the Creveling cemetery at Almedia. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church.

Samuel W. Baker attended the Miller schoolhouse in Centre township until his fifteenth year, and then went to work on the Pennsylvania canal with his father. After a time he branched out for himself and finally became captain of a boat. He followed boating until 1890 continuously, with the exception of the period of his service in the Civil war, altogether for thirty-two years. He carried coal to Philadelphia, Baltimore and the Southern markets, and at one time boated on the Erie canal, carrying coal to Buffalo and returning to Albany with a cargo of grain.

On Sept. 1, 1864, Mr. Baker enlisted to fill Scott township's quota of Company E, 209th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, which was attached to the 3d Brigade, 9th Corps, Army of the Potomac. He was mustered in at Harrisburg, Pa., under Capt. A. C. Mensch, Colonel Hoffman, and General Hartranft, commander of the brigade, was sent to the front, and participated in the battle of Petersburg, later doing picket duty in the winter of 1864-65. He followed Lee's forces until the surrender at Appomattox Court House, Va., and then went to Alexandria, Va., where the forces were recruited to full strength in order to participate in the grand review at Washington, D. C. After that event he was mustered out at Harrisburg, May 31, 1865, and returned home.

Mr. Baker married Margaret Alice Musgrove, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Garrison) Musgrove, and the following children were born to them: Charles, born Oct. 6, 1869, lives in Berwick, and is married to Cecelia Graham; George Milford, born Feb. 5, 1872, married Mary Hopper, and lives in Pittston, Pa.; William Grant, born Sept. 8, 1874, married Lilian Geiser, and lives in Hemlock township; Lilly A., born Dec. 12, 1878, married Gurney Lyons and (second) Byron Chaundy, and lives in Detroit, Mich.; Nora Ella, born Oct. 24, 1881, married Albert Cox and lives in Bloomsburg, beside her mother.

After the end of the Civil war Mr. Baker returned to the canal and continued boating until 1890, when he rented a farm in Scott

township for a term of four years, cultivated it until the end of the lease, and then moved to Bloomsburg. Here he followed different vocations. He was sexton for the Methodist Church for three years and for the Rosemont cemetery a similar period, later being sexton of the First Methodist Church at Bloomsburg, for six years. He was a Republican in politics. For two years he was commander of Col. W. H. Ent Post, No. 250, G. A. R., and had served a term in the past as commander. He was also a member of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 681, of Espy. He died May 30, 1914, and was buried in the Creveling cemetery at Almedia.

Margaret Alice Musgrove (Mrs. Baker) was born Feb. 6, 1847, at Light Street, in Scott township, attended the country schools and worked until her marriage. Her father, Isaac Musgrove, was the owner of a large farm in Scott township, which he cultivated until his death. Mrs. Baker was then a child. He was a well respected citizen and a member of the Methodist Church. He married Mrs. Hannah Heckman, a widow and daughter of Joseph Garrison, of Scott township, who was born Feb. 24, 1809, and died March 20, 1903; he is buried at Afton, Columbia county. Mrs. Baker was the only child of this union. Mrs. Musgrove had four children by her marriage to Mr. Heckman, namely: Alfred, who married Maria Hartman, of Espy, both now deceased; Joseph, deceased; George, who married Harriet Bogart, both now deceased; and Amanda, widow of Wilson Fox, of Bloomsburg.

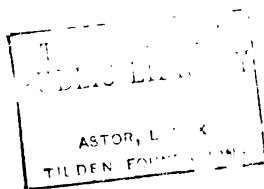
JAMES E. SMITH is a business man of Berwick, member of the firm of Smith Brothers, general merchants. He was born in Morris county, N. J., Aug. 22, 1859, son of Isaac S. Smith, a former merchant of Stephensburg, that State.

On the paternal side Mr. Smith is descended from Scotch-Irish stock, the maternal ancestry being German and Holland Dutch. Joshua Smith, the great-great-grandfather of James E., was born in the North of Ireland, and came to America at an early date, settling at Great Meadows, Warren Co., N. J., where he followed farming. Isaac, his son, settled at Blairstown, N. J., and was also a farmer. He married a Miss Wintermute, of Sussex county, N. J., and they had these children: John, Charles, Enoch, Isaac, Henry, Joshua, Nathan S. and Sarah A. (Cook).

John Smith, the grandfather of James E., resided near the old homestead nearly all his



*James E. Smith*



life, was a farmer, prosperous and well liked. He married Katharine Kinney, a native of New Jersey, and they had the following children: Margaret, Catherine Sarah, Isaac S. and Rachel.

Isaac S. Smith married Ann Elizabeth, daughter of James and Sarah A. (Fritts) Beatty, of Pleasant Grove, N. J., and to them were born: James E., Florence, Willard, Mary F., Bertha and Catharine.

James E. Smith has been a merchant ever since he attained his majority, starting in partnership with an uncle. In 1887 he moved to Berwick and in March of that year he and his brother Willard embarked in the mercantile business, succeeding Freas Brothers. They have done a successful business. Mr. Smith has also been connected with various other enterprises, having been one of the organizers of the Berwick Savings and Trust Company, also of the Building and Loan Association, serving continuously since as a director in both organizations.

In January, 1884, Mr. Smith married Hattie L. Petty, and they have had three children: Roscoe Lee, born May 10, 1885; James Howard, born May 19, 1887; Arthur Matthias, born April 7, 1893. Mr. Smith is independent in politics and has served on the borough council several terms, also as president of that body, and for the past fifteen years has been a member of the school board. He is a ruling elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Berwick and active in all its organizations, and has served the Y. M. C. A. officially. He is a member and past master of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., of Berwick; member of Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., Bloomsburg, Pa., and of Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre; also a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.; Berwick Council, No. 1761, Royal Arcanum; and Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta. He is a leader in the community and always willing to assist in the advancement of the interests of the town and its inhabitants.

William Petty, grandfather of Mrs. Smith, was a son of John Petty, a native of Connecticut and a pioneer farmer of Northampton county. William engaged in lumbering and in 1827 moved to Luzerne county, where he purchased a large tract of timberland and erected a saw and gristmill, which he operated in connection with farming. He died in 1869 at the age of eighty-three years. His wife, Lydia Stroh, was born in Berks county, and died in 1883, at the age of eighty-six, leaving

these children: Peter, Levi, Amy and Matthias H., the latter the father of Mrs. Smith.

Matthias H. Petty was born Nov. 25, 1832, and on Dec. 28, 1854, married Mary Pell and set up housekeeping for himself. He farmed for fourteen years in Hanover township, Luzerne county, six years in Salem township, and in 1876 moved to Briarcreek township, Columbia county. He was the father of ten children, all of whom grew up to be important members of society. They were: Hattie L., Amy, Samuel M., William, Charles M., Margaret, Mary, Louise, Edith and Emily.

GEORGE HENRY CATTERALL bears a name well known in Berwick in various associations, and he and his brother are tried employees of the American Car & Foundry Company. His father, the late Rev. Ralph C. H. Catterall, for many years a minister of the gospel, passed his last years there in honorable retirement. The family is of English extraction.

Ralph Catterall, the great-grandfather of George Henry Catterall, was born in Wigan, England, and followed the calling of teamster. He had six children, as follows: Thomas, Samuel, John, Ralph, James and Joseph.

Joseph Catterall was born in Bolton, England, in 1799, and educated in the common schools of the town. He learned the trade of machinist, which he followed most of his life. In 1815 he joined the British army, and he served one year in the Home Guards, taking part in the battle of Waterloo. In 1871 he came to Fall River, Mass., where he worked at his trade until his death, in 1874. He and his wife, Alice (Norris), had four children: Eliza, wife of Emmanuel Etchels; Ralph Charles Henry; Louisa, who died young; and Alice, who married John Holt and (second) George Frost.

Rev. Ralph C. H. Catterall was born in Bolton, England, May 3, 1840, and obtained his education in the public schools of Bolton and Manchester, under Rev. John Martin, formerly missionary to Sierra Leone. At the age of fourteen he was apprenticed to the carpenter's trade for seven years, but in a short time ran away and enlisted in the 61st Rifles of the British army. His mother, however, obtained his discharge, and he returned to his trade until the age of seventeen, when he began to preach the gospel, also studying medicine at the same time. After a year of these studies at Leeds he returned to his apprenticeship, completing same with John Ray-

mond, of Manchester, and Dobson & Barlow, of Bolton.

Rev. Mr. Catterall married Jan. 1, 1861, Caroline Reed, of Burslem, Staffordshire, a place noted for its potteries. They had eight children, as follows: (1) Joseph Henry is mentioned elsewhere. (2) Ralph Charles Henry, born March 29, 1866, at Bolton, died Aug. 3, 1913. He married Helen Tunnicliffe, of Macomb, Ill., and lived in Illinois. He was professor of History at Cornell University. (3) William Henry, born April 10, 1868, at Bolton, married Margaret Fortner, of Nescopeck, and lives at Lebanon, Pa., being superintendent of the rolling mill of the American Iron and Steel Company at Lebanon. (4) Albert Henry, born Dec. 15, 1869, at Fall River, Mass., died there. (5) Alfred Henry, born Nov. 19, 1873, at Mahanoy City, Pa., married Eva Fenstermacher and lives in Hawley, Pa. (6) George Henry is mentioned below. (7) James Henry, born Nov. 3, 1877, at Lehman Center, died near Scranton, Feb. 20, 1887. (8) Charles G. Henry, born June 6, 1880, at Berwick, Pa., died Nov. 26, 1880.

Rev. Mr. Catterall went to Liverpool in 1862 and to Bolton in 1865, working at carpentering and preaching until 1869. He then sailed for America, the voyage lasting from Aug. 14th to Sept. 21st. He located at Fall River, Mass., being first employed at carpenter work and then at patternmaking. He remained at Fall River until June 1, 1873, and then resumed preaching, being stationed at Mahanoy City four years; Lehman, near Harvey's Lake, four years; Plymouth, one year; Berwick, from Feb. 28, 1880, to April 1, 1884; Packville, until Jan. 11, 1888; Port Allegany, from Jan. 8, 1889, to Sept. 5, 1891; Watson-town, until 1894; Wyoming, until Sept. 30, 1899. He then went to Berwick to enter the employ of the American Car & Foundry Company, but sustained an injury to his hand and had to give up work. In April, 1905, he left Berwick to preach in the Presbyterian Church at Hawley, where he supplied for a year, and then served for one year as pastor of the Baptist Church there. In 1910 he left for Berwick, where he lived retired, occasionally preaching on request. He died Dec. 28, 1913, at Scranton, Pa. Rev. Mr. Catterall was a Prohibitionist, but not active in the party, although in England he was prominent in politics and voted for Gladstone. He was a Baptist in religious connection, and a member of Brevard Lodge, No. 113, F. & A. M., of Co-coa, Fla. His wife, Caroline (Reed) born

March 28, 1838, died Nov. 8, 1910, and both are buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick.

George Henry Catterall was born Nov. 3, 1875, at Lehman Center, Luzerne Co., Pa., and began his education in the common schools. Later he took the scientific course at Keystone Academy, Factoryville, Pa., and pursued his higher studies at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa. Coming to Berwick, he became weighmaster in the rolling mill of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, was subsequently made foreman in the scrap department of the mill, and then placed in the office, as assistant superintendent. Some time later he went to Wilmington, Del., where he held the position of superintendent at the Wilmington Iron Company for six months. On his return to Berwick he resumed work with his old employers, becoming night foreman of the rolling mill, being thus engaged until he entered upon his present duties, as roller. His quick perception, precision of movement and experience in handling the metal qualify him thoroughly for this position, which is one of importance, intelligence of judgment and prompt action being necessary for the proper performance of the work intrusted to him. He has the thorough confidence of his employers, and deservedly.

Mr. Catterall holds membership in various local organizations, Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Odd Fellows, P. O. S. of A., Washington Camp, No. 105, and the Berwick Beneficial Association; he attends the Presbyterian Church. His political support is given to the Republican party.

By his marriage to Sarah E. Blank Mr. Catterall has two children, Joseph Jenkinson, born Oct. 5, 1902, and Lenore Blank, born Sept. 23, 1908.

Joseph Blank, Mrs. Catterall's grandfather, married a Kisner, and they had the following family: Emma married George Slusser; Levi married Marnie Clewell; Caleb married Mary Varner; Johiah married Elizabeth Erwine.

Josiah Blank, born in 1844 at Mauch Chunk, Pa., died in September, 1904. For a time he was engaged as a lime burner at Martzville, Columbia Co., Pa., afterward entering the rolling mill of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company. He was a Republican in political belief and during the Civil war fought for the Union, enlisting Oct. 27, 1862, in Company H, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and serving until mustered out in 1863. He was a member of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church. To his marriage with Elizabeth Erwine were born children as

follows: Byron married Laura Whitman, who is deceased (she is buried in the Pine Grove cemetery); Sarah E. is the wife of George H. Catterall. The Erwins are farming people, and have long been settled in the vicinity of Stillwater, Columbia county. Mrs. Josiah Blank's mother was Sally Sitler, and her brothers and sisters were: Frank; Alfred, who married Mary Rhinard; Mary, who married Newton Robbins; Wilson, who is buried in Michigan; and Susan, who married Samuel Rhinard.

**WILLIAM RUSSELL PRICE**, contractor and builder, of Danville, Pa., was born Nov. 13, 1878, in that town, and is the son of Clarence Price and grandson of Charles Price, both of whom were mechanics of ability in the building line.

Charles Price, the grandfather, was born in New Jersey June 4, 1814, and came to Danville when quite a young man, after receiving an education in the common schools of his native State. He followed the trade of boat builder in Danville and Espy, having a shop in the former town near the old gristmill. He worked on the canal for a number of years as foreman for the old Rough and Ready Mill, carrying iron from Danville to Philadelphia and Baltimore and selling it. After the canal went into disuse he entered the contracting and building business, at which he was very successful, being considered an excellent mechanic. A few years before his death he retired and moved to Asbury, Fishingcreek township, Columbia county, where he died Oct. 17, 1896. He is buried there in the Zion churchyard, while his wife, who died March 25, 1898, is buried in the Fairview Presbyterian burying ground, at Danville. Mr. Price married Ellen Sechler, born in Danville April 4, 1818, daughter of John Sechler, her mother being a native of Seneca Lake, N. Y. Their children were: (1) John N., born Nov. 29, 1836, married a Miss Keiffer; his wife is deceased and he is living in Danville. (2) Sophia, born March 29, 1838, died Jan. 11, 1839. (3) Jacob P. S., born Feb. 18, 1842, died Nov. 18, 1844. (4) Clarence was born Oct. 15, 1844. (5) Christina, born Sept. 18, 1846, died Aug. 3, 1850. (6) Annie, born July 20, 1851, married (first) Winfield Scott Springer and (second) George Ferguson, both of whom are deceased. She died in 1913. Mr. Price was first a Democrat, but later united with the Republican party. He was a member of the Grove Presbyterian Church, of which he was janitor for some years.

Clarence Price, father of William R. Price, born in Danville Oct. 15, 1844, attended the public schools and a private school conducted by Prof. James Kelso. He enlisted in the Union army Dec. 25, 1861, in Company F, 112th Regiment, Heavy Artillery (also called the 2d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers), under Capt. W. W. McClure, Lieut. W. J. Bailey, to serve three years. He was mustered in at Philadelphia and assigned to the 2d Brigade, 2d Division, 18th Corps, Army of the Potomac, for guard duty at the fortifications before Washington. He was discharged at Fort Lincoln Jan. 3, 1864, and immediately reenlisted in the same company to serve for three years, or until the close of the war. He took part in the following engagements: Wilderness, May 5-7, 1864; Spottsylvania, May 8-18; Po River, May 16; North Anna, May 23-27; Tolopotomy, May 29-31; Cold Harbor, June 12; Petersburg, June 15-30; Mine Explosion, July 30; Fort Harrison, Sept. 29; Bermuda Hundred, Nov. 17; fall of Petersburg, April 2, 1865; Appomattox, April 9, 1865. While in the service he was ill for two months in the hospital, and was finally honorably discharged Jan. 29, 1866, at City Point, Virginia.

After his return from the war Mr. Price followed contracting and building, erecting many structures in Shenandoah, Shamokin, Bloomsburg, Catawissa and Watsontown, Pa. He assisted in the erection of the Grove Presbyterian Church, of which he built the spire, and built the Methodist church at Bloomsburg; the Presbyterian church at Watsontown; the Lutheran church at Catawissa; and a bank at Shamokin. He was also superintendent of construction on the old Danville rail mill. He is a member of Trinity Methodist Church, of which he was trustee and steward, is a Democrat in political conviction, and has served two terms as councilman from the Third ward. He belongs to Goodrich Post, No. 22, G. A. R., Danville, and the Union Veterans' League at Bloomsburg.

On Dec. 28, 1869, Mr. Price married Matilda Pealer, born Dec. 25, 1843, who died Feb. 10, 1914, and is interred in Fairview cemetery. She was a daughter of George and Rebecca (Hampton) Pealer. They had children as follows: Ida Rebecca, born Dec. 31, 1870, who married Walter Pennington, of Danville; Dora Gertrude, born Jan. 1, 1873; Annie, born Oct. 21, 1875, who died Jan. 25, 1877; William Russell, born Nov. 13, 1878; and Carrie May, born Oct. 11, 1881, who married William Longenberger, of Danville.

William R. Price was educated in the public schools of Danville and spent four years in the private school of Prof. John M. Kelso. He worked one year on the farm of Dallas Cotner, near Washingtonville, and then two years in the Danville Tube Works, straightening pipe. He then went to work with his father and learned the carpenter's trade, and has been a contractor and builder for the last twelve years. He married Florence Rishel, who was born at Mechanicsville, Pa., June 21, 1881, daughter of William E. and Martha (McMullin) Rishel, and died June 13, 1910, at Danville. She is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery. She was the mother of four children, all born at Danville, as follows: Anna Margaret, Dec. 2, 1902; Ruth Winifred, Oct. 2, 1906; Dora Elizabeth, April 12, 1909; and Williams Edward, June 1, 1910.

Mr. Price is a Progressive Democrat and is now a candidate for the nomination for the State Legislature. He is a member of Montour Castle, No. 186, Knights of the Golden Eagle, and of Beaver Lodge, No. 132, Knights of Pythias. He is a trustee of Trinity Methodist Church and has taught in the Sunday school.

**BENJAMIN L. ESHLEMAN**, head of the firm of B. L. Eshleman & Son, plumbers, etc., of Berwick, Columbia county, has been a resident of that place for the last seventeen years. He is a native of Schuylkill county, and belongs to an early settled family of Lancaster county, Pa., where his grandfather, Benjamin L. Eshleman, was born and farmed all his active life. He married Martha Martin.

Benjamin L. Eshleman (2), father of Benjamin L. Eshleman, of Berwick, was born Feb. 10, 1826, in Lancaster county, where he spent his early life. Moving to Schuylkill county, he settled at Port Carbon for some years, later living at Ashland, that county. He was a coal operator, doing an extensive business in that vicinity, where he was established for some time, and where he died in 1872. From that place his family moved to Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa. Mr. Eshleman was a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted and raised a company at Port Carbon. He was afterwards quartermaster of the company and later ranked as colonel of the regiment to which his company was attached, the 147th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served three years, three months, and took part in many battles. He became a member of the G. A. R., first at Port Carbon, where he was post commander, and later belonged to Ash-

land Post, G. A. R. He also held membership in the Masonic fraternity, in which he attained the thirty-second degree, Caldwell Consistory. His religious association was with the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Eshleman married Elizabeth Pott, who was born March 4, 1830, the first white child born in Port Carbon, being a daughter of Abraham Pott and granddaughter of John Pott, the founder of Pottsville, Schuylkill county. Abraham Pott made the first discovery of coal in Schuylkill county, built the first canal in that county, and was the father of Freemasonry in there; he himself was a thirty-third-degree Mason. He died at Port Carbon in 1880, when ninety-six years old. Mrs. Eshleman died in December, 1893, at Bloomsburg, whither the family had removed from Schuylkill county, Pa. Of the fifteen children born to herself and husband two died in infancy, and we have the following record of the others: Cora, the eldest, born April 11, 1848, was married Oct. 11, 1866, to Charles Miller, of Bloomsburg, and died Aug. 4, 1913; Anna is the widow of Dr. O. P. Piper, of Atlantic City, N. J.; Laura, deceased, was the wife of H. R. King, formerly of Phillipsburg, Center Co., Pa.; Norton entered the Union service during the Civil war, when fourteen years old, being a member of the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment, and subsequently entered the medical profession (being the youngest student up to that time to graduate from Jefferson Medical College), being a practicing physician at Ashland, Pa., at the time of his death; Ella became the wife of Frank Rogers, and died at Berwick, Pa.; Ada married Frank Turner, of Port Carbon, and both are deceased; Harry lives at Bloomsburg; Benjamin L. is mentioned below; Elizabeth is the wife of William Pursel, of Easton, Pa.; Edith is the wife of Sherman Peacock, of Bloomsburg; Louise, born Oct. 31, 1866, is the wife of Alfred McCollum, of Bloomsburg; Abraham is a resident of Mifflin, Juniata Co., Pa.; Edward lives at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Benjamin L. Eshleman (3), son of Benjamin L. (2) and Elizabeth (Pott) Eshleman, was born Feb. 15, 1861, in Port Carbon, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and obtained his early education in the public schools of that place. Later he attended school at Ashland, that county, and at Bloomsburg, to which place he removed with his parents. His school days over, he entered the employ of the Ohio Central Railroad Company, and also worked on other roads in Ohio, being engaged in the com-

missary department, attached to the construction corps. Returning to Bloomsburg after five years of this work, he remained for some time, learning the plumbing and heating business, which he followed as a tradesman for about twenty years, though he was in business on his own account a short time during that period. Coming to Berwick in 1898, he became an employee of the American Car & Foundry Company, with which concern he continued for eight years, having charge of the air brake department. In 1906 he commenced business at Berwick in his old line, in partnership with his son Harold, under the firm name of B. L. Eshleman & Son. They do a general plumbing and heating, tinning and roofing business, and control a good share of the local patronage, being known for reliable and substantial work. Mr. Eshleman is a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.

In 1884 Mr. Eshleman was married, at Danville, Pa., to Isabel Jacobs, a native of Shamokin, Pa., though a resident of Bloomsburg for many years. Her father, Eckart Jacobs, is now living with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eshleman; he is a retired baker, and was in business in Bloomsburg for several years. His wife, Mrs. Annie (Young) Jacobs, died in 1894 at Bloomsburg. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eshleman: Harold; Robert, now a student at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa.; Eckhart, Miriam, Vidas and Benjamin, at home.

HAROLD ESHLEMAN, eldest in the family of Benjamin L. and Isabel (Jacobs) Eshleman, was born March 11, 1887, at Bloomsburg. He received a public school education, and is now junior member of the firm of B. L. Eshleman & Son. On Nov. 15, 1907, he married Elizabeth Slusser, a native of Pond Hill, Luzerne Co., Pa., and they have two children, Charles and Isabel. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eshleman are members of the Lutheran Church, and fraternally he is connected with the P. O. S. of A.

JOHN F. WATSON was born at Jerseytown, Columbia Co., Pa., Nov. 25, 1870. He is the son of David A. and Mary Watson, now deceased. He is of Scotch-Irish descent. His early education was received in the public schools of his native village, and after following various pursuits he entered the Bloomsburg Normal, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1894.

For a number of years Mr. Watson followed teaching, after which he was admitted to the

Dickinson School of Law at Carlisle, and graduated in the class of 1903. He never followed the practice of law, however, and in 1909 was selected as deputy under Freeze Quick, prothonotary and clerk of the Courts of Columbia county.

On Sept. 14, 1910, Mr. Watson was married to Miss Carrie, daughter of Jessie and Helen M. Klase, of Danville, Pa. Politically he is a Democrat.

DR. CLAUDE E. SWEPPENHISER, dentist, of Berwick, Pa., was born in Mifflin township, Columbia county, Oct. 18, 1883, son of Eleazer and Dorothy A. (Waters) Sweppenhiser.

The Doctor's paternal grandfather was born in the same township and county, of German ancestry, and as a young man adopted the vocation of farmer, which he followed throughout his life.

Eleazer Sweppenhiser, father of Dr. C. E. Sweppenhiser, was born in Mifflin township and reared to manhood on his father's farm. Later he engaged in merchandising and for years was the proprietor of a general store, being associated with Mr. J. E. Snyder, of Mifflinville. An active and influential citizen in public affairs, he served for twenty-one years as a member of the school board of his township, and was widely known for his public spirit. His widow still survives.

Lawrence Waters, the maternal grandfather of Dr. C. E. Sweppenhiser, was a native of England and emigrated to the United States in young manhood, locating in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., when a youth of eighteen years. During his younger years he followed the vocation of educator, but in later life became a farmer in Mifflin township, where his death occurred.

Claude E. Sweppenhiser secured his early education in the public schools of Mifflin township, following which he took a course in the State Normal school. After leaving that institution he taught school four years, and at the end of that period began the study of dentistry in the Philadelphia Dental College. Graduating in 1908, he at once entered upon the practice of his profession at Berwick, and now maintains well-appointed offices in the First National Bank building. He is in the enjoyment of an excellent practice, his skill in his calling having attracted a large and representative number of patients. He belongs to the Alumni Association of the Philadelphia Dental College, and to the Susquehanna Dental Association.



On Jan. 3, 1911, Dr. Sweppenhiser was married to Mabel Bennett, who was born at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., daughter of Calvin and Ellen Bennett, who still make their home in that city, Mr. Bennett being one of the oldest druggists there.

Dr. Sweppenhiser was one of the most popular members of his class while at college, and at the time of his graduation was secretary of the Xi Psi Phi college fraternity. He now holds membership in the Odd Fellows and the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

GEORGE G. BAKER, of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, is the leading undertaker of that place, commanding the largest patronage in this part of the State. He also has other business connections, and is active in various local affairs, being a leading church worker and member of a number of fraternal bodies.

Mr. Baker belongs to an old Pennsylvania family, his grandfather, Henderson Baker, having been born in one of the lower counties of the State. Coming to Luzerne county, he lived and died there. By occupation he was a farmer. A large family was born to him and his wife, whose maiden name was Hartman, viz.: Frederick H.; Elsie; George; Maria, wife of Dr. Rhoad (brother of Judge Rhoad, of Wilkes-Barre); Emma, who married Estabrook; Arthur; Katie, Mrs. Trucker; Christina, Mrs. Bogart; and John.

Frederick H. Baker, father of George G. Baker, was born in Cambria, Pa., and there followed farming and milling. He married Jane Seward, who was born Oct. 20, 1843, at Fairmount Springs, Luzerne county, and survives him, residing in Luzerne county. Mr. Baker died in 1893. He and his wife had the following children: George G., Chester, Stratton, Thomas, Lettie, Ralph, Cleon and Lee.

George G. Baker was born Oct. 20, 1864, at Huntingdon, Luzerne Co., Pa., and was reared on his father's farm. After reaching his majority he went to Shickshinny, Luzerne county, where he learned undertaking and cabinetmaking, serving his apprenticeship with John L. Pealer. In association with his uncle John Baker, he started a business at Pleasant Hill, Luzerne county, disposing of his interest in the same at the end of two years, and forming a partnership with P. P. Copeland, with whom he carried on business at Shickshinny until the latter's death. Removing to Bloomsburg he bought out the business of E. R. Furman, which he has conducted since Nov. 29, 1887. Mr. Baker has always taken

pride in having his equipment up to date and in first class condition, and his patrons have the benefit of the most advanced ideas in his line, for he has taken two special courses to broaden his knowledge of his work and keep him abreast of the times. On Jan. 15, 1892, he graduated from the Oriental School of Embalming. His skill and conscientious attention to details have commended his service to a wide circle of patrons, and his business is the largest in this section. He is now assisted by his son Charles W. Baker. To meet the demands of his customers in other parts, Mr. Baker has established a branch office at Berwick, on the corner of Arch and Orange streets, from which he handles considerable of his trade.

Mr. Baker patented the U bed spring, "the most perfect spiral bed spring made," and was in partnership with the late John N. Wanich, of Bloomsburg, under the firm name of Baker & Wanich, engaged in the manufacture of same, in all styles and sizes. He is a director of the Bloomsburg Brick Company, which has one of the leading industrial plants of the town.

Mr. Baker was one of the founders of the Christian Church of Bloomsburg and has always taken an active part in its work; he was a member of its first board of elders, held the position of trustee and all the minor offices, and is now serving as superintendent of the Sunday school. He has numerous social connections and has been an efficient worker in all the bodies in which he holds membership, being a past grand of the I. O. O. F., a past captain in the Sons of Veterans, a past president in the P. O. S. of A., and a past master workman in the A. O. U. W. He is a Mason, as such belonging to Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., and Caldwell Consistory (thirty-second degree). In politics he has always been a Democrat.

On June 12, 1890, Mr. Baker married Lenora C. Sterling, daughter of Clinton B. and Lucy (Loreman) Sterling, of Bloomsburg, and the following children have been born to them: Charles W., who graduated from Eckels School of Embalming Nov. 23, 1911; Lucy; Robert; Mary; Paul; Gertrude, and Oren.

FRANK M. TAYLOR, a resident of Briar-creek township, farmer and justice of the peace, was born Feb. 28, 1858, in Limestone township, Montour county, son of Johnston and Prudence (Kitchen) Taylor. The father was also a native of Limestone township, a farmer by vocation, and met his death in a

railroad accident in Cooper township, Montour county, Aug. 27, 1890, when he was seventy-two years of age. The mother was born in Greenwood township, Columbia county, daughter of William Kitchen, a farmer of that township, and was one of eight children, three sons and five daughters. She died in June, 1879, aged fifty-seven years, and is buried with Mr. Taylor in the Chillisquaque cemetery in Montour county. They had children as follows: William; Kate; Elizabeth; Isaac; Margaret; David; Charles; Deozro; Frank M.; Clara, and Miles.

Frank M. Taylor obtained his early education at Limestoneville, and began work on his father's farm, where he was employed until twenty-three years old. Entering the works of the Montour Iron & Steel Company at Danville he was employed as a rail finisher in the rail mill for three years. For another three years Mr. Taylor was an attendant at the Danville hospital, and then went to farming in Liberty township, Montour county, working for Alexander Billmyer on the old Samuel Blue farm, a tract of 170 acres, where he remained for twelve years. After that he settled in Briarcreek township, where he has been farming on his present place (the old Francis Evans farm) for eleven years, having 128 acres under cultivation.

On April 29, 1886, Mr. Taylor was united in marriage with Malinda Fields, daughter of Alexander and Sarah (Lambert) Fields, of Danville, the father an engineer; he died March 19, 1872, aged forty-seven years, and the mother died Sept. 21, 1887, aged fifty-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Fields are buried at Danville. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor: Otto J., born Aug. 12, 1887, who was employed as an air hammer man at the plant of the American Car & Foundry Company, married Louise Gibbs and died Jan. 4, 1914; Harold A., born June 23, 1890, now manager on the W. S. Johnston farm, married Edna Duke and has two children, Evelyn and Audrey; Gertrude P. was born Aug. 25, 1902.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Berwick, and socially he belongs to the Artisans Order of Mutual Protection, at Pottsgrove. He has held the office of justice of the peace for six years.

**WILLIAM C. BRITTAI**N, of Berwick, Pa., was born near Bloomsburg, Columbia county, April 12, 1865, son of Michael and Caroline (Coleman) Brittain.

Joseph Brittain, his paternal grandfather, was born in Birmingham, England, and came to the United States as a youth, first locating at Binghamton, N. Y. There he engaged in farming until his migration to Luzerne county, this State, where he and his wife were the first settlers in what is now the town of Register. He continued to carry on agricultural pursuits during the remainder of his active career, and was known as one of the substantial citizens of his community. He and his wife were the parents of eight sons and five daughters, of whom the living are: William, of Register; and Josephine, the widow of Wilson Melich, of Luzerne county.

Michael Brittain, son of Joseph and father of William C. Brittain, was born on his father's farm in Luzerne county, Pa., Dec. 10, 1825, and during his boyhood and youth followed agricultural pursuits on the old homestead, in the meantime securing the educational advantages afforded by the district schools of his vicinity. Upon reaching manhood he embarked upon his independent career and located on a property near Light Street, not far from Bloomsburg. He was married there and had a family of six daughters and three sons, later removing to Briggs-ville, Luzerne county, where he died Dec. 18, 1895. Of his family, Sarah is the wife of George Troy, of Wyoming, Pa.; Clara is deceased; Charles is a farmer of Stillwater; Joseph is a resident of Beach Haven, a farmer; William C. is mentioned below; Leona is deceased; May E. is also deceased; Anna is the wife of Harry Eddie, of Beach Haven; Agnes is the wife of Frank Barrett, of Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

Joseph Coleman, the maternal grandfather of William C. Brittain, was born in Germany, as was also his wife, Margaret, and they emigrated from the Fatherland shortly after their marriage, locating first in Philadelphia, Pa. From that city they made their way on foot to the newly opened region of what is now Easton, Pa., there taking up 300 acres of land from the United States government near the banks of the Lehigh river. At what is now Easton, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. Coleman operated the first ferry across the Delaware river, and the reputation that they gained as substantial citizens followed them when some years later they came to Columbia county, where they built and operated what was known as the Hogtown gristmill in Briarcreek township, now Fowlerville, Centre township. The Colemans were pioneers at Stillwater, operating the first sawmill in that vicinity, and there

they continued to reside during their declining years, the grandfather dying in 1873, and the grandmother three years later. They reared a family of nine children, of whom the living are: Charles, who now resides in Benton, Pa.; and Caroline, Mrs. Brittain.

Reared in the vicinity of Bloomsburg, William C. Brittain secured his education in the country schools, in the meantime being trained to honest toil on the home farm, and being taught the virtues of industry and perseverance. At the time of his marriage he adopted the vocation of carpenter, and for two years followed that occupation at Nanticoke, then returning to Berwick, where he secured employment as a puddler with the Jackson Woodin Company. During the twenty years which covered the period of his employment with this concern Mr. Brittain had interested himself more or less in the cultivation of flowers. A little building, 8 by 10 feet in size, formed the nucleus for his present handsome structure, which now has five thousand square feet of glass, and which is the handsomest greenhouse of its size in the county. This enterprise has been built up through sheer merit. No adventitious circumstances have combined to give Mr. Brittain his position among the substantial men of his community, for he has worked steadily, perseveringly and intelligently along well-defined lines calculated to bring success in any venture. Such men may be relied upon to advance the interests of their community.

On March 29, 1884, Mr. Brittain was married to Ida A. Mensinger, and eight children have been born to this union, namely: John A., now deceased; Newton, also deceased; Jennie G., the wife of Claude Fetter, of West Berwick, who has three children, Sylvester, Mae and Wana; John, deceased, who was twice married, first to Beulah Levan, of West Berwick, by whom he had one child, Marie, and (second) to Mrs. Jennie Lorvena Linden, widow of George Linden, of West Berwick; Edward J.; Ethel M.; and two who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Brittain are members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, and have numerous friends in the congregation at Berwick. An enthusiastic fraternity man, Mr. Brittain has been a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., for the last fourteen years, is a charter member of Berwick Council, No. 698, Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, at Berwick, and holds membership in the Improved Order of Red Men, Pewaukee Tribe, No. 240. He is also

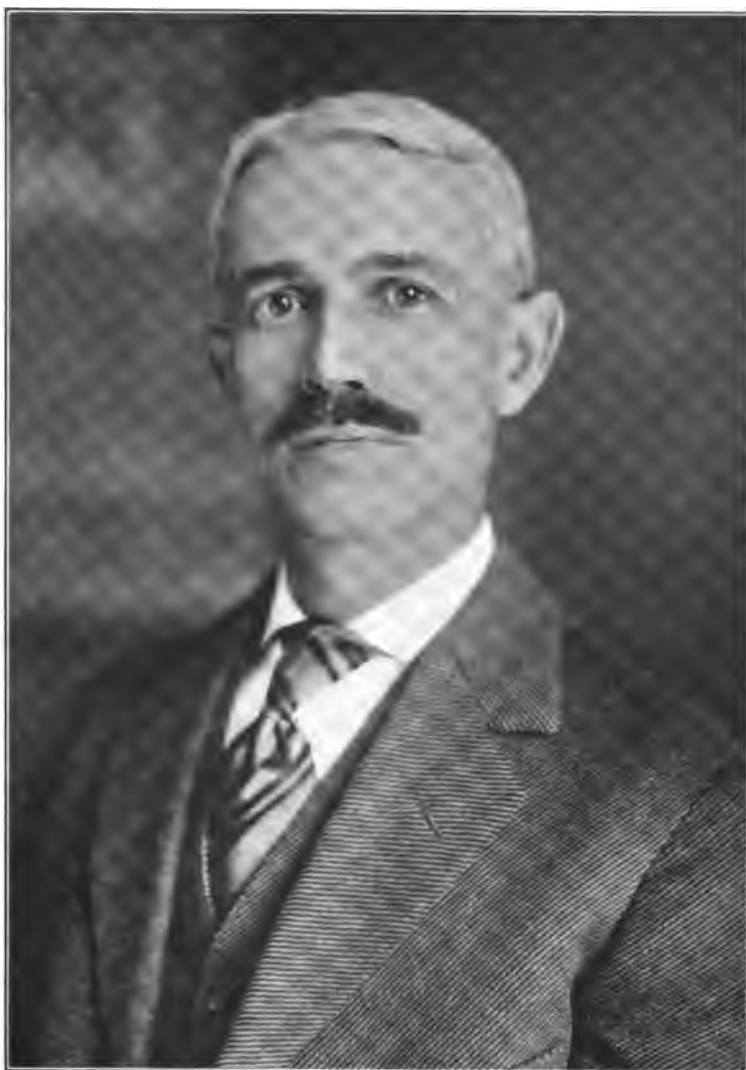
connected with the Columbia County Burial Association, at Bloomsburg. He is a past councilor of the Junior Mechanics, having served twice, and is popular with his fellow members in the lodge.

Like her husband Mrs. Brittain is widely and favorably known. She is a daughter of Silas and Sarah (Warnes) Mensinger, the former of whom became engaged in carpentering and contracting after a period spent in agricultural pursuits. Both the parents are now deceased. Six children were born to them: John F., who resides in Luzerne county; William J., deceased; Ida A., Mrs. Brittain; Albert F., residing in Columbia county; Jennie E., who is the wife of Edward Sponeburg, of Luzerne county; and Anna J., who is now Mrs. George Hosier, of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

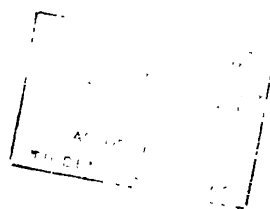
JOHN FRANK LONG, of Berwick, local auditor and cashier for the American Car & Foundry Company, has been with that concern and its predecessors since 1891, when he commenced work in the counting room of the Jackson & Woodin store. Mr. Long is a native of Danville, Montour county, born Sept. 11, 1870. His father, Charles Clark Long, for a number of years a resident of Danville, is of old Columbia county stock and a native of that county, where a large portion of his early life was spent, and where he still maintains a summer home.

The Long family originated in Germany, and the first of its members to come to this country settled in what was then New Amsterdam in early Colonial days. Later they removed to Philadelphia, and thence to Northampton county, Pa., where Joseph Long, grandfather of Charles Clark Long, was born. In the early days of the settlement of Columbia county, Pa., he bought a large tract of land here, extending from the eastern part of the present site of Bloomsburg toward Light Street. Farming was always his occupation.

John Long, eldest son of Joseph, was born in Northampton county, Pa., came with his father to Columbia county, and when a young man went to Kentucky, where he made his home for about thirteen years, having charge of a plantation there. Returning to Columbia county, he conducted his father's farm for a number of years, and later settled in what is now West Hemlock township (now included in Montour county), where he purchased a farm near Swenoda. His death occurred there when he was eighty-six years old. While living in Columbia county, near Bloomsburg, Mr.



*J. F. Song*



Long married the widow of Henry L. Gearhart, and children as follows were born to them besides Charles Clark: Sarah, Martin Vanburen, Martha, Phoebe, Ellen, Evelina, Susanna, Harriet, Emily and Melinda. The father was a Democrat of the Jacksonian school and took an active interest in politics. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Charles Clark Long was born Aug. 27, 1845, in Columbia county, and there received common school advantages. At the age of seventeen he was granted a certificate to teach, and followed the profession for a number of years, in Columbia, Northumberland and Montour counties. Merchandising has, however, been his principal pursuit. When a young man he became a clerk in the general store of Shoop & Hullihen, of Danville, with whom he remained in that capacity for a period of seven years. He then engaged with Young & Roat, of the National Iron Company, in charge of their store, continuing in their employ for three years, and by this time he had established such a high reputation for conscientious and efficient devotion to his work, and for executive ability, that his services were sought by merchants who had to intrust the management of their store to other hands than their own. His next position was with what is now the Berwick Store Company, the leading general merchants of Berwick, Pa., for which he became manager in the year 1874, holding the position for the twenty-two years following, and the increase of the business, its expansion and development along modern lines, and improvement in operations during that time, were largely the result of the application of his ideas. The growth was so wonderful that the building had to be enlarged greatly to accommodate the trade, and Mr. Long gained prestige and high standing for his able administration of this important business. He left it after a long and creditable career, and removing to Danville erected the comfortable dwelling in which he now resides most of the time, his summers, however, being spent in his native county, at Hazel Bottom cottage, in Madison township. Business has always engrossed his attention, though he takes the interest in public affairs that a public-spirited citizen should, but he is not an active partisan in politics, being a Republican in his views but independent in his support of candidates. For years he has attended St. Paul's Methodist Church.

On Dec. 27, 1866, Mr. Long married Elizabeth Werkheiser, daughter of Peter Werkheiser, formerly of Northampton county, Pa.,

and they have four children: Emma Amelia, wife of Duval Dickson; John Frank; Malinda D., wife of Edward B. Kepner; and Jennie Gertrude, wife of V. C. Trout, of Philadelphia.

John Frank Long came in boyhood to Berwick, where he began his education in the Market street school. He graduated from high school and later took special courses—part scientific and part Latin—at the Dickinson Preparatory School, Carlisle, Pa., and the Bloomsburg Normal. Then he took a business training at the Eastman college, in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., and in April, 1891, entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Company at Berwick, in the counting room of their store. On March 1, 1896, he resigned and was transferred to the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and was engaged in the same capacity when the company was changed to the American Car & Foundry Company, March 1, 1899, for one year. He was then made clerk in the auditing department, on March 1, 1900, becoming local auditor and acting cashier, and a year later cashier. He still is filling these positions.

On May 28, 1897, Mr. Long was married to Fannie Housenick, daughter of Martin L. and Anna M. (Hosler) Housenick, and their three children have been born as follows: Clark Cecil, Aug. 23, 1900; Marian Francis, June 10, 1906; Malcolm Luther, Nov. 10, 1911. Mr. Long is a Republican in politics and has always supported the policies of the party, is a Presbyterian in religion, and in fraternal connection a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.

Martin Housenick, Mrs. Long's great-grandfather, was a native of Northampton county, Pa., after his marriage moving to Luzerne county, where he bought a farm near Butler, residing there until his death.

Solomon Housenick, son of Martin, was born in Northampton county about 1819, and spent most of his life in Columbia county, residing in Bloomsburg about fourteen years, and on a farm. In 1875 he removed to Berwick and thence to the farm where he died in 1904, at the age of eighty-five. All his life he followed cabinetmaking. His wife, Mary (Miller), was like himself of German descent and a native of Pennsylvania. Of their three children Martin Luther is the sole survivor.

Martin Luther Housenick was born April 2, 1840, in Columbia county, and reared principally at Mifflinville, where he received part of his education. He also attended school at Bloomsburg and Union Seminary, in New Berlin. When fourteen years old he entered

the store of Abe Miller, of Berwick, as clerk, and remained there until twenty-nine years of age, in 1869 removing to a farm of 100 acres in Briarcreek township, where he resided until his removal to Berwick. During that time he was successfully engaged in general farming. On April 1, 1906, he came to Berwick and entered the employ of the American Car & Foundry Company, taking charge of the paint department under Col. A. D. Seely. While living in Briarcreek township Mr. Housenick became a member of the Methodist Church at Fowlerville; he served the township as auditor and school director. He has no political ties, voting independently. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

In November, 1862, Mr. Housenick married Anna Mary Hosler, daughter of John L. and Elizabeth (Beam) Hosler, from Foundryville, Columbia county. They have had the following children: John Solomon married Anna Thompson; Elizabeth married Bruce B. Freas and is deceased (she is buried at Briarcreek church); Fannie is married to John F. Long; Ezra S., to Josephine Johnson; Alta L., to Fred Wasley; Freas B., to Lillie Heimbach; Charles G., to Vera Hemingway; Ruth E. is unmarried.

ABNER WELSH, the oldest living employee of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, now the American Car & Foundry Company, at Berwick, Columbia county, was born at Orangeville, that county, Dec. 14, 1836, son of Isaac and Sarah (Kline) Welsh.

Isaac Welsh was born Oct. 2, 1795, at Belvidere, N. J., and died in July, 1861. Educated in the public schools of Orangeville, he worked on the farm owned by his father until he met with an accident which resulted in the loss of a hand in a threshing machine. This necessitated his seeking other employment, and he moved to Berwick, where he secured the position of lock tender on the Pennsylvania State canal. His political faith made him a Democrat and he was active in local affairs. His religious home was in the Presbyterian Church of Berwick. Isaac Welsh married Sarah Kline, who was born in 1798, and died in February, 1875. They had the following children: John, who married Sarah Everett, is buried at McHenry schoolhouse cemetery, of Orangeville; Beulah, who married Daniel Keller, is buried in the same cemetery as John; Hiram died young and is also buried in the McHenry cemetery; Diana is deceased and is buried in the McHenry ceme-

tery; Margaret, deceased, is buried in the McHenry cemetery; Lavina, who married Alexander McBride, is buried in the McHenry cemetery; Rebecca, wife of Isaac Phillips, is buried at Millville, Pa.; Abner is the only survivor.

Abner Welsh, son of Isaac Welsh, grew up at Orangeville, where he secured an excellent public school education. He did agricultural work until April 16, 1856, when he began learning the trade of machinist with the Jackson & Woodin Company at Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa. He had begun to make his worth felt with this company when the Civil war broke out, but in spite of the fact that he was needed there he was not willing to sacrifice his country to his material betterment, so he enlisted on July 16, 1862, for the Union service. He joined the 84th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, from Berwick, Pa., and was mustered into service at Harrisburg on July 24, 1862, serving under Captain Bahan, of Philadelphia, who was succeeded by Captain Minninger, of Carlisle; the company was commanded by Capt. C. G. Jackson when mustered out. Mr. Welsh was discharged from the service Jan. 12, 1865. He participated in the second battle of Bull Run, was made color corporal on Sept. 27, 1862, and fought at Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, and 14, 1862, being made duty sergeant. Mr. Welsh had the misfortune to be taken prisoner at Chancellorsville May 3, 1863, and was confined until July 30, 1863, in Libby prison. Being exchanged, he returned to his regiment in time to participate in the battle of Mine Run, early in the winter of 1863, and also the battle of the Wilderness, May 5 and 6, 1864; and was at Spottsylvania Court House, May 10, 11 and 12, 1864; North Anna River, May 23 to 27, 1864; Cold Harbor, June 6, 7 and 8, 1864; and served all through the Petersburg campaign, being discharged as first sergeant. During all of his service he was a gallant soldier, and his children have every reason to be proud of the record he made.

Like most of his comrades Mr. Welsh returned to his duties as a private citizen, taking up the life he had left, and made such progress that in 1868 he was promoted to be foreman of the machine shop of the Jackson & Woodin Company, which position he filled capably until 1870, when he was made a master mechanic. In 1903 he was made a master mechanic for the American Car & Foundry Company, successors of the Jackson & Woodin Company, but within a year was severely burned by gasoline in an explosion and was

confined to his home because of his injuries for a considerable period. Recovering, he resumed his former position, which he still holds, to the general satisfaction of all, for he is a skilled man in his line. Politically Mr. Welsh is a Republican, and has been chosen by his party to the office of school director. He holds membership in Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta, and he also belongs to the Union Veteran Legion, No. 32, of Bloomsburg.

On Dec. 21, 1865, Abner Welsh married Lucy Augusta Owen, a daughter of Hudson and Emily (Jackson) Owen. Mr. and Mrs. Welsh became the parents of the following children: Sarah E., Robert G., Jayne G., Hudson and William. The two last-named died in childhood, both being buried in Pine Grove cemetery at Berwick.

HUDSON OWEN, father of Mrs. Welsh, was born at Middletown, N. Y. In 1837 he married Emily Jackson, so that Mrs. Welsh is connected with a distinguished family in the maternal line. Growing up at Middletown, Hudson Owen was educated in the schools there and worked on the Delaware & Hudson canal. In young manhood he came to Berwick to engage with the Pennsylvania Canal Company, and proved so efficient that he was made a supervisor, later becoming superintendent in full charge of the entire fifty-seven miles from Nanticoke to Northumberland. The death of this most worthy man occurred Feb. 8, 1898. Hudson Owen and his first wife, Emily Jackson, had the following children: Frances, who married Robert Gilroy, is deceased and buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick; Harriet, who married Jerome S. Wolcott, of Coldwater, Mich., is deceased and buried in Pine Grove cemetery; Sarah, who married J. S. McMurtrie, is buried at Philadelphia; Lucy Augusta is Mrs. Welsh; Helen, who married H. D. Albright, is deceased and buried in the Lewisburg cemetery at Lewisburg, Pa. The mother of this family died Sept. 15, 1855. On April 24, 1856, Hudson Owen married Elizabeth Jackson, who died Aug. 24, 1904. The children of this marriage were: William H., deceased, is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick; George J., deceased, is also interred in Pine Grove cemetery; Fred S. died young and is interred in Pine Grove cemetery; Kate R., who married Augustus Shuman, is buried in Pine Grove cemetery; Annie married Ellis Thrush.

Hudson Owen was an excellent example of the self-made man, having attained a position of responsibility and ample means through his

own unaided efforts. Politically he was a Democrat, and he was honored by his party with election to the offices of school director of his district and councilman of Berwick. A consistent member of the Presbyterian Church of Berwick, he was very active in its work and liberal in the support he gave. Fraternally he belonged to Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and he was a charter member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M. Mrs. Welsh, daughter by his first marriage and the only surviving child of that union, is naturally proud of her connection with the two substantial families of Owen and Jackson, which have furnished Columbia county with some of its most representative men and women. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Welsh have an excellent heritage in the high character of their forefathers, and may take pride in tracing back their ancestry in the different lines, for they have nothing to find that needs concealment.

FRANK D. DENTLER, tax collector of Columbia county, was born in Parkville, Mich., March 7, 1851, but in the course of his career has returned to the home State of his ancestors, who were of the old substantial Pennsylvania German stock.

George Dentler, grandfather of Frank, was born and raised in Turbotville, Northumberland county, Pa. He was a farmer and had a tract of sixty acres, which he lived on and cultivated until his death. He had four children: John, William, Franklin, and Maria, wife of Solomon Rote.

Franklin Dentler was born Oct. 22, 1818, in Turbotville, and moved to White Pigeon, Mich., in 1838. He worked on the farm in youth and attended school at intervals. When he went to Michigan he bought a farm of 160 acres, upon which he lived until his death. He married Mary, daughter of William and Mary (Burrows) Cathcart, and their children were: Bruce B., who married Ella Cox; William C.; Emma, who died young; Frank D.; Flora, who died young; Mary L., wife of Harley Monger; James B.; Nettie, wife of Frank Gounod; and John G., who died young. Mr. Dentler was a Democrat, and an active member of the Presbyterian Church.

Frank D. Dentler was educated in the public schools of White Pigeon, and after graduation went to Schoolcraft, Mich., to clerk for a general storekeeper. He worked for I. W. Pursell, at that place, and went to Iowa for a year to work in the store of his uncle, Joseph Cathcart. Coming to Bloomsburg he married



Mary, daughter of Sylvester and Jane (Emmet) Pursell. She died Jan. 31, 1913, and is buried in Rosemont cemetery. Their only child, William C., died Nov. 11, 1913, and is buried beside his mother. In 1874 Mr. Dentler entered the general store of I. W. McKelvey, of Bloomsburg, and remained until 1881. He then bought the shoe business of William McKinney, which he conducted until 1903, and for five years thereafter he was agent for the New York Life Insurance Company. His career has been successful, and he is the owner of a valuable business block adjoining the First National Bank on Main street, Bloomsburg.

In 1910 he was appointed tax collector by President Judge Evans, was elected for the term following 1911, and in 1913 reelected for the term ending 1918. Mr. Dentler has also served as member of the town council. Politically he is a Democrat. He attends the Episcopal Church at Bloomsburg. In Masonic circles he is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 276, F. & A. M., Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M., Caldwell Consistory, Crusade Commandery and Zerubbabel Council.

FRANK PERSON ZARR, secretary and manager of the Bloomsburg Water Company, was born Jan. 19, 1884, in that city, and is a son of B. F. Zarr, a prominent attorney of Columbia county. The Zarr family came to this country originally from the eastern part of France and settled in America at an early date in its history. The original French spelling of the name was Scar.

George and Catherine (Keifer) Zarr came to Columbia county from the county of Berks, Pa., where they had resided for some years. They settled on a farm located where the southern part of Catawissa now stands.

Benjamin Zarr, son of George, was born in Berks county in 1810 and spent all of his life on a farm. He married Hannah Renger, and they had several children, but we have record only of the one mentioned below.

Benjamin Franklin Zarr, son of Benjamin, lived on the farm until his eighth year, and then went to work in the Catawissa paper mill. But his term of service at this occupation was short, for he became entangled in some of the machinery and was so badly injured as to necessitate the amputation of his right arm at the shoulder. This changed the whole course of his life, for he had to seek an occupation adapted to his condition. With great exertion and perseverance he managed to get a good

education, passing through Greenwood Seminary and the Millersville State Normal school. He took up the work of school teaching, studying law in the meantime, and in 1869 entered the office of Col. J. G. Freeze, at Bloomsburg. He was admitted to the bar in 1872. He had previously been appointed deputy prothonotary under Gen. W. H. Ent, serving twenty-three months and soon after his admission to the bar he was elected prothonotary. He was the youngest candidate ever chosen to the office, and he was reelected in 1875, serving continuously six years and one month. He then resumed his practice, which was one of the largest in the county in later years.

In 1866 Mr. Zarr was united in marriage to Fanny C. Person, and they had three children: Robert Rush, Josephine and Frank Person. Mr. Zarr was president of the town council, member of the school board and deputy superintendent of schools of Columbia county. He was an elder in the Lutheran Church and superintendent of the Sunday school.

Frank Person Zarr completed the term in the public schools of Bloomsburg and then took a general scientific course at Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg. Returning to Bloomsburg he entered his father's office, and began the study of law. But he had no taste for the legal profession, so he entered the office of the American Car & Foundry Company, at Berwick, in 1905, later being transferred to the Bloomsburg plant. He served as assistant to Supt. W. V. Johnson and had charge of the correspondence. In February, 1912, he was made secretary of the Bloomsburg Water Company, and since then has had entire charge of the plant, doing the office work and attending to the collections.

In 1907 Mr. Zarr married Mabel Lorraine Hartzel, daughter of W. C. and Martha (Wintersteen) Hartzell, of Mifflinville, and they have had three children: Jean Lorraine, born June 9, 1908; Benjamin Franklin, born Feb. 19, 1911; and Lucille, born Nov. 29, 1913. Mr. Zarr is a member of the Episcopal Church, and of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. and A. M., of Bloomsburg. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been secretary of the town council for the last six years.

ROBERT RUSH ZARR, brother of Frank Person Zarr, was born in Columbia county and obtained his preparatory education in the public and normal schools, later attending Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg. After studying law with his father he was admitted to the bar, and practiced with his father for a

time, later being appointed deputy prothonotary under W. H. Henrie, and serving for six years in that capacity. He then entered the Bloomsburg National Bank as bookkeeper, and after six years in that institution, in the fall of 1908, was elected cashier of the Farmers' & Miners' National Bank at Forest City, Pa. In 1911 he was elected cashier of the People's National Bank of Edwardsville, Pa., where he remained until July, 1913, when he assumed his present position, having been elected cashier of the Nanticoke (Pa.) National Bank. Mr. Zarr is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. and A. M., a Presbyterian in religious connection and a Democrat in politics. He married Maud Burns, and they have a family of four children, Frances M., Robert Rush, George and David.

JACOB C. SMETHERS, deceased, for a number of years a contractor of Berwick, was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., Dec. 26, 1854, and was a son of Henry and Lucinda (Cope) Smethers, of the same county.

Henry Smethers, the father, was born in 1830 and died in 1860. He owned a farm of 160 acres in Salem township, upon which he resided the whole of his life. His wife, Lucinda, daughter of Jacob and Elsie (Garrison) Cope, after his death married George Harmon, and died in January, 1914. To her union with Mr. Smethers were born three children: Lamon, now residing in Rockland, Texas; Jacob C.; and George, deceased, who married Harriet Edwards. He is buried in Beach Grove cemetery, Salem township. Mr. Smethers was a Democrat and a member of the German Reformed Church. The mother had the following children by her second marriage: Nathan; Michael R., who married Hattie Garrison; Amos, who married Mary Edwards; and Sarah, who died young and is buried near the Stone Church.

Jacob C. Smethers attended the Stone Church schoolhouse in Salem township, but was obliged to leave school at seventeen to work on his mother's farm. He started to learn the trade of carpenter at eighteen, later worked as foreman for different contractors, and did a general building business; he assisted in the erection of the Bower Memorial church and parsonage and several other prominent structures. On Oct. 12, 1876, he married Alice M., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Harter) Hess, and they had children as follows: (1) John H., born June 29, 1877, teller of the Berwick National Bank, married

Margaret Dodson and has two children, Ritter Dodson, born May 22, 1903, and John Jacob, born Aug. 11, 1914. (2) Aaron H., born April 7, 1879, employed with the American Car & Foundry Co., married Edith Phillips. (3) Amy B., born April 19, 1883, is a teacher in the Market street school, Berwick. (4) Nora E., born July 25, 1884, is a trained nurse in the Hahnemann hospital, Philadelphia. Mr. Smethers died Feb. 4, 1914, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick. He was a Democrat, a member of the Evangelical Church, and of the P. O. S. of A. and the Odd Fellows at Berwick.

Jeremiah Hess, grandfather of Mrs. Jacob C. Smethers, was born in Easton, Northampton Co., Pa., and went to Wapwallopen, Luzerne county, with his parents at the age of eight. He learned the trade of miller and built a mill there, which he operated for some years, finally trading it for a farm, upon which he lived retired for twenty-five years. He died in 1880 at the age of eighty-five. His wife died in 1860, and they are buried in Beach Haven cemetery, Salem township, Luzerne county. They were members of the Reformed Church. Their children were: Philip, who married Lavinia Smethers; Susan, wife of John Fenstermacher; John, mentioned below; Jeremiah M., who married Maria Pohe; Elizabeth, wife of Charles Hill; Mary, wife of Thomas Brady; Nathan, who married Zenith ———; Reuben, who married Lavina Knorr, who survives her husband at the age of eighty; Catherine, wife of Reuben Hill, of Lee county, Ill.; Amanda, who died young; and Aaron W., who married Esther Bittenbender.

John Hess, father of Mrs. Jacob C. Smethers, was born March 10, 1819, in Salem township, Luzerne county, and attended the common schools. He owned a farm of 130 acres, thirty acres of which was in timber. He learned the shoemaking trade and followed it in the intervals of farm work. He was a member of the Reformed Church and a Democrat. He died in 1881 and is buried in the Beach Grove cemetery. To his marriage with Elizabeth Harter were born children as follows: Norman W., who married Delilah Seely; Urias, who married Fannie Edwards; Rachel M., who died young; Deborah A., who also died young; Lydia C., deceased, who married Wesley Smethers and (second) Chester A. Harmon (she is buried in Pine Grove cemetery); Alice M., born March 8, 1855, widow of Jacob C. Smethers; and Lizzie, wife of Frank Hess.

Jacob Harter, father of Mrs. John Hess, was born in Berks county about 1795 and died about 1870. He was a tailor by trade, but in later life bought and cultivated a farm at Council Cup, Luzerne county. He married Rachel Hess, of Northampton county, and they had eight children: William, who married Lydia Robert; Michael, who was accidentally killed in childhood; Kate, wife of John Keller; Elizabeth; John, who married Roxanna Gruver; Jacob, who married May Hart; Aaron; and Mary K. Mr. Harter was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church.

ROLAND R. IKELER, miller and coal dealer of Bloomsburg, Pa., was born Sept. 21, 1858, in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, and is a son of Andrew Jackson Ikeler, a farmer of that township. The ancestors of the Ikeler family (originally spelled Oeggler or Oggler) were from Germany and came to America in 1760. The great-great-grandfather of Roland R. was Joseph Ikeler, who settled in Belvidere, N. J. He was a farmer, and participated in the Revolutionary war.

Andrew Ikeler, son of Joseph, was the founder of the family in Columbia county. He was married in New Jersey to Christiana Johnson, and he and his wife rode horseback across the wilderness to their destination in Greenwood township. There he took up one thousand acres of land, most of which still remains in the hands of his descendants. He became a leading citizen of the county and in 1835 was elected magistrate. For a long time he was colonel of militia and in the war of 1812 raised a company which he led into the field. Andrew was born April 18, 1773, and died Nov. 24, 1850. His wife Christina was born in 1771 and died Dec. 29, 1865, at the age of ninety-four. Both are buried in the family plot on the old homestead in Greenwood township. The children of this couple were: William J., who married Sarah Kitchen; Isaac, who married Mary Taylor; Andrew, who married Mary Ann Titma; Johnson, who married Maria Lemon; Elizabeth, wife of Daniel McCarty; and Margaret, wife of Elijah Albertson. Mr. Ikeler was a Democrat and of the Quaker faith.

William J. Ikeler was born in Greenwood township, there received his education, and followed farming all of his life. He moved in later life to Mount Pleasant township, after selling his farm in Greenwood, and bought

a tract from the Lancaster Land Company. Upon this farm he raised his family to maturity, passing to his final rest at the age of eighty-five years. He married Sarah, daughter of William Kitchen, whose wife was a Hixon, and they had these children: Christianna, wife of Perry Christian; Hicks, who married Sarah Mathers and lives in Ohio; Andrew Jackson, mentioned below; Eri, who married Caroline Crouse; Eliza Ann, wife of Hiram Thomas; Elmira, wife of Edward Albertson; Sevilla, who died at the age of fifty; and Maria, who died at the age of sixty-five.

Andrew Jackson Ikeler was born in Mount Pleasant township and followed farming until his death, owning a tract of 160 acres, part of which was in timber. He and his wife are buried in the Ikeler graveyard. He married Mary, daughter of Nehemiah and Hannah (Mathers) Reece, and they had children as follows. David, who married Anna Creveling and lives in Brooklyn, N. Y.; Charles and Anderson, who died in infancy; Roland R., mentioned below; Clara, widow of I. M. Dennen of Mount Pleasant township; Adeline, living on the old homestead; Anna Q., wife of Samuel Kester, of Bloomsburg; and Serena, wife of J. H. Ruckle of Mount Pleasant township. Mr. Ikeler was a Democrat and connected with the Quakers.

Roland R. Ikeler was educated in the country schools of his birthplace and worked on the home farm until his seventeenth birthday. He then went to Millville and served five years in the gristmill of McHenry & Heacock, after which he worked in the mill of John W. Hoffman, at Light Street, for a year. After a short time in I. W. McKelvy's mill, on the Buckhorn road, near Bloomsburg, he came to Bloomsburg and built his present mill, which he has successfully operated for eighteen years. It was the first electrically-driven flour and feed mill established in Columbia county.

On Jan. 29, 1889, R. R. Ikeler was united in marriage to Jessie Fisher, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Conner) Fisher, and to their union have been born two children: Donald F., a student at Gettysburg College; and Rebecca, who is living at home. Mr. Ikeler is a Democrat, but not an office seeker.

LAZARUS. The Lazarus family is one of long standing in Montour township, Columbia Co., Pa., and has been associated with much of the welfare and development of the region.

Leonard Lazarus, the founder of the family in Columbia county, has the distinction of being one of its pioneers. He was born in Maxatawny township, Berks Co., Pa., and came to Columbia county in young manhood, locating in what later became Montour township. Here he bought 240 acres of land, the greater portion of which he cleared, developing the wilderness into fruitful acres. Later on in life he divided this farm into three portions, one going to Dr. George Yost, one to Joseph Mauser and the third to Samuel Lazarus. Being a public-spirited man, he donated the ground for the old Lazarus cemetery and the church in Montour township. For years he was a leading factor in his section, and his influence was always given to the betterment of existing conditions. Leonard Lazarus married Mary M. Krumcrine, and their children were: John, Emanuel, Samuel, Stephen, Lydia (who married a Mr. Fisher and second Eli Krum), and Kate (Mrs. Edward Heimbach, died in young womanhood).

Samuel Lazarus, son of Leonard Lazarus, was brought upon his father's homestead, and spent his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. Like his father he became a prominent man in Montour township, and dying left an honored name behind him. Samuel Lazarus married Rebecca Krum, a daughter of Henry Krum, and their children were: Henry; Emanuel, who is living at Bloomsburg; Daniel, who died at Pottsgrove, Pa.; William, who is living in Montour township; Leonard, who died young; Harriet, who married Thomas Crossley; Elizabeth, who married Peter Handshaw; Lydia, who married Jeremiah Beaver; Mary, who married John Eifert; Phoebe, who married Milton Diehl; and Sarah, who died in childhood.

HENRY LAZARUS, a retired farmer of Montour township, was born on his present farm March 23, 1829, and is now the oldest resident of the township, and one of the most highly respected men in his part of Columbia county. He was associated with his father in operating the homestead until he purchased it in 1874. It comprises 115 acres of valuable land, on which in 1880 he built the residence which he has since occupied. Although he retired in favor of his son-in-law, George Y. Mowrey, he still lives on the farm and is interested in its proper conduct.

On Nov. 30, 1854, Henry Lazarus married Annie Mauser, a daughter of Joseph and Lydia (Frey) Mauser, the latter a daughter of Jacob Frey. Mrs. Lazarus died in 1901, and is buried in the old Lazarus cemetery. Mr. and

Mrs. Lazarus became the parents of two children: Elizabeth J., who married George Y. Mowrey, is now deceased; Lydia S., who married Calvin D. Garrison, lives with her venerable father, she and Mr. Garrison ministering to his wants. Mr. Lazarus is a Democrat in politics, has served as a school director, and has held other township offices. For years he has been a member of the Lutheran Church, of which he has been an elder for a long period. For many years he was connected with the Odd Fellows and the Grange, but his years make it advisable for him to discontinue outside efforts as much as possible. Those who are now walking in the valley of endeavor, approaching their final home going, who are able to feel that during the years of this life they have done their full duty and tried to live up to their ideals of upright manhood and honorable citizenship, should enjoy great satisfaction. That all this has been accomplished by the venerable Mr. Lazarus none who knows him will deny.

CALVIN D. GARRISON, postmaster and merchant at Grovania, Pa., son-in-law of Henry Lazarus, was born at Almedia, Columbia Co., Pa., in April, 1855, son of Jackson Garrison. The boyhood of Mr. Garrison was spent in attendance at the schools of his district, and he supplemented his early studies with a course at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. Following this he began his business career as a clerk for D. A. Creasy, at Bloomsburg, Pa. For several years he continued to clerk, thus gaining a thorough and intimate knowledge of mercantile business, so that when he came to Grovania and founded a business of his own he knew how to operate it successfully. Upon coming here Mr. Garrison formed a partnership with B. G. Wample, the firm being Wample & Garrison, and they conducted a general store until Mr. Wample died in 1901, when Mr. Garrison bought his interest, and now does business alone.

Prior to 1882 there was considerable agitation over the establishment of a post office at this point. The firm of Grove Brothers, operating a quarry here, wanted a post office, to be called Grove City. However, as there was already an office of that name in Pennsylvania, a compromise was made on the name Grovania. B. G. Wample was made the first postmaster, and Mr. Garrison was his assistant. When the postmaster died, in 1901, Mr. Garrison quite naturally succeeded him, and he still holds the office. G. Y. Mowrey, a brother-in-law, was made his assistant.

Mr. Garrison married Lydia S. Lazarus, a

daughter of Henry Lazarus. They have no children. He is a member of Espy Lodge, No. 1681, I. O. O. F.

HUGH THOMPSON, a substantial business man of Berwick, is a member of the fourth generation of his family resident at that place, the great-grandfather, Paul Thompson, having settled there and built the first pottery.

Paul Thompson was a native of County Derry, Ireland, born March 1, 1754, and his wife, Nancy, was born May 10th of that year. On July 9, 1792, they sailed from Ireland to America, and first located at Dillsburg, York Co., Pa., remaining in that county until their removal to Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., in 1798. By trade he was a potter, and he put up the first pottery at Berwick. He owned a flatboat, with which he took his crocks and jars to points along the Susquehanna for sale. He died in Berwick July 8, 1807, his wife surviving him many years, until Sept. 16, 1823. In religious faith he was a Presbyterian. His five children, two sons and three daughters, were all born in Ireland, as follows: Hugh, 1780; Jane, Nov. 21, 1781 (died April 14, 1807); Margaret, Jan. 1, 1783 (died April 15, 1855); Alexander, May 1, 1790; Ann, Jan. 6, 1792 (died Nov. 29, 1856).

Hugh Thompson, eldest of the family of Paul Thompson, was born in 1780 in Ireland, and was therefore a boy when the family came to America. He worked with his father, learned the trade, and eventually inherited the business, in which he prospered to such an extent that he was able to add a farm to his possessions; part of it is now included in the town of Berwick. During the war of 1812 he was one of the emergency men. He joined the Methodist Church, and was one of the zealous members of the denomination in this region, its ministers who occasionally visited Berwick making his home their stopping place. To him and his wife Ann (Dodson) were born the following children: Paul died in infancy; Richard, born June 14, 1811, a farmer and potter, died May 25, 1895; Alexander, born Oct. 6, 1813, a potter and foundryman at Tunkhannock, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he also served as justice of the peace, died Dec. 12, 1881; Susan, born Feb. 22, 1816, married Rev. Mr. Ege, a Methodist minister, of Baltimore, Md., and died Dec. 27, 1895; Jane, born Dec. 5, 1818, became the wife of Dr. Burkett; Joseph D. was the father of Hugh Thompson; Elizabeth Ann, born March 5, 1828, married

P. C. Wadsworth, justice, of Townhill, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania.

Joseph D. Thompson was born Nov. 7, 1821, received ordinary educational advantages, and was trained to his father's business, working with him until he reached his majority. He was then in partnership with his brother Richard, after their father's retirement, until 1853, and for the next ten years continued in the pottery alone, closing it in 1863 because the demand had fallen off so much as to make it no longer profitable. After farming for a time he became engaged in hauling sand for the Jackson & Woodin Company, using four teams. In this work he continued until his death, which occurred in the fall of 1899, in Berwick. By his first marriage, to Mary Bonham, which took place in 1846, Mr. Thompson had one child, Almira, who died in infancy. The mother died Dec. 21, 1850. On Feb. 23, 1858, he married (second) Mary Hull, by whom he had two children, Hugh and Annie E., the latter, born in November, 1867, married to J. S. Housneck, of Shenandoah, Pa., treasurer for the Armour plant at that point.

Mrs. Thompson's father, Aaron Hull, was a millwright by trade. He came to Berwick in 1840, from Easton, Pa., to take the position of collector on the bridge across the Susquehanna. His death occurred in 1867, when he was sixty-nine years of age, and his wife, Elizabeth (McPherson), passed away in 1858, when fifty-six years old. In religious belief he was a Methodist. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hull: Esther, deceased, who was the wife of Samuel E. Smith, of Berwick; William, who was a dispatch bearer in the Civil war and died at Fort Schuyler, N. Y., in 1864; Edward, of Shickshinny, Pa., a butcher; Mary, Mrs. Joseph D. Thompson; and Kate, wife of J. H. Mears, a contractor of Berwick.

Hugh Thompson, only son of Joseph D. Thompson, was born at Berwick Sept. 12, 1860, and attained his education there at the old Market Street Academy, under Miss Sue Thompson. He is now one of the prosperous business men of his native town, and as general contractor is closely associated with many phases of local progress, his work giving evidence of his ability to keep abreast of modern ideas and methods. He furnishes sand for general concrete and building purposes, and is under contract with the American Car and Foundry Company to furnish sand for their foundry. Mr. Thompson has a farm of



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twenty-four acres, all under cultivation, which he carries on himself.

Mr. Thompson was married to Charlotte Van Houten, who was born July 11, 1863, daughter of Adrian and Margaret (Thomas) Van Houten, the former a painter by occupation. The Van Houtens came to this region from a Quaker settlement in Philadelphia. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thompson: Charles R., Feb. 18, 1888; and George E., April 19, 1901. The family home is at No. 1148 Walnut street, Berwick. Mr. Thompson is a Methodist in religious connection. He is a Republican on political questions, and fraternally holds membership in Berwick Lodge, No. 1138, B. P. O. Elks, and Berwick Council, No. 698, Jr. O. U. A. M.

PHILIP McCLELLAN SMETHERS was born Nov. 15, 1861, in Berwick, Pa., where the family is well known. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Fenstermacher) Smethers.

John Smethers, the father, was born in 1821 in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he lived for some time. In early life he followed farming, and by trade he was a blacksmith, coming to Berwick to enter the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Company, with whom he continued during the remainder of his active years. His death occurred in Berwick, Columbia county, May 15, 1894. During the Civil war he enlisted in support of the Union, being a member of the 52d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, from Columbia county, and after taking part in many battles and skirmishes was discharged on account of disability; he returned to Berwick at the close of his service. His wife, Elizabeth (Fenstermacher) was born Nov. 19, 1819, in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., a member of one of the oldest families in the county, and died in Berwick March 11, 1895. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smethers: Sofarus, who lives at Berwick, is married to Catherine Edwards; John A. is a business man of Berwick, Pa.; Mary is the wife of Charles Berlin, of Berwick; James is a resident of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Savilla married Rev. F. S. Vought, of Berwick, Pa.; William lives at Berwick; Philip McClellan completes the family.

Philip McClellan Smethers attended the Market street school. At the age of nine he went to work in the machine shop of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, on general work, and served an apprenticeship to the machinist's trade. He has been con-

tinuously employed for over forty-four years with that company and its successor, the American Car & Foundry Company, and for the last thirty-three years has been running a planer. He married Mary Elizabeth, daughter of William S. and Martha J. (Tubbs) Harris, of Salem township, and their children are: Frank Earl, born Dec. 29, 1890, married May Potter and has one child, Geraldine Elizabeth; Robert Scott was born Nov. 11, 1892; Walter Leo, born Sept. 13, 1894, married Mary Warntz and has one child, Frances Elizabeth; Rollo G., was born Oct. 8, 1897; Bruce Dieterick, born May 20, 1901, died young and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick; Fred Arlington was born Oct. 29, 1904; Mary Elizabeth was born March 31, 1908. Mr. Smethers is a Progressive in politics and actively interested in the success of his party. He is a member of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, and of Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., and Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mary Elizabeth Harris was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., Sept. 21, 1869, and educated at the Moore and Long school-houses, the latter in Fairmount township. She resided for a time on a farm, went to Scranton in 1886 and remained for three years, then came to Berwick, where she was married May 2, 1889.

William Scott Harris, father of Mrs. Smethers, was born in Salem township and educated in the country schools. He taught school for one term and then took up the vocation of farming, acquiring two farms of sixty-four and fifty acres, respectively, in Salem township. In January, 1870, he started to work for the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, with whom he remained until his death. In 1865 he enlisted in the Union army for one hundred days, served the full term, and was discharged at Philadelphia. He died Feb. 12, 1880, in Salem township, and is buried in the Moore cemetery. His wife, Martha Jane (Tubbs) was born May 8, 1846, and their children were: Fannie Rebecca, born Dec. 18, 1867, married Harry J. Clewell; Mary Elizabeth, born Sept. 21, 1869, married Philip McC. Smethers; Emma Jane, born March 12, 1871, married Elmer Klinger; Anna Jemima, born Sept. 6, 1872, died young; Earl Clark, born Aug. 15, 1873, died Oct. 1, 1884, and is buried in Moore's cemetery, Salem township; Martha Ellen, born Oct. 17, 1875, married Richard Jackson; Margaret Evelyn, born Dec. 2, 1877, married Charles Pace; Arminda Ritter, born Aug. 31, 1879, married Ray Mac-



Donald. Mr. Harris was a Republican and a member of the Evangelical Church.

William H. Harris, grandfather of Mrs. Smethers, was born in Salem township and educated in the country schools. He owned and operated the homestead left him by his father, and completed the clearing of the land, devoting himself to this work until his death. He married Fannie Scott, a native of Scotland, by whom he had children as follows: Philip, who married Alice Hall; Mary, wife of Yost Driesbach; Frances, who married Clark Frederici and (second) William Clewell; William S., who married Martha Jane Tubbs; Jacob, who married Ella Keller; and James, who died young. Mr. Harris' second wife was Elizabeth Hall, and they had two sons, Lloyd and Floyd, and a daughter, Frances, who died in infancy.

Earl Church Tubbs was born Dec. 18, 1799, in Huntington township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and attended the country schools. He farmed there for a time and then moved to North Mountain, where he followed lumbering. He married Rebecca Parks, who was born Sept. 17, 1812, and they had children as follows: Elias married Elizabeth Blaine; Earl married a Miss Monroe; Daniel married Felicia Ann Keck; Joseph was killed while serving in the Civil war; William married Maria and (second) Cordelia Van Horne; Simon married Emma Crispell and (second) Fame Allen; Nathan married Emma Barley; Jemima is the wife of Milo Hoyt; Martha J., born May 8, 1846, married William Scott Harris; Ellen who died young. Elias, Earl, Daniel and Joseph were all killed in the Civil war.

HARRY H. KLINE, farmer and bank director, residing in Benton township, Columbia county, was born at Rohrsburg, that county, April 24, 1867. The Kline family came originally from Virginia. Abraham Kline, the ancestor of the Columbia county Klines, settled near Orangeville, where he acquired possession of a very large tract of land.

Morris Kline, great-grandfather of Harry H. Kline, was a farmer of Orange township, and devoted his life to agriculture. His wife, Elizabeth Lee, was of the famous Southern family of that name. After rearing his family there, Mr. Kline moved with his wife to Illinois, where they died. Most of their children moved west. The family was as follows: Eli, Abraham, Margaret, Jackson, David, Lucinda, Jane, James, Ruth, and Enoch.

Abraham Kline, grandfather of Harry H.,

was born in Orange township and followed the occupation of miller in Light Street. He married Rebecca, daughter of Peter and Susanna (Hilborn) Oman. She died in Scott township at the age of sixty-three, and her husband at Rohrsburg at the age of sixty-two. Their children were: Norman, living in Rohrsburg, is a veteran of the Civil war; Susanna, widow of William Swentrell, is living at Bloomsburg; Amanda married Samuel Bogert and both are deceased; Ruth, wife of James Gillespie, is living in Danville; Francis is deceased; Clara J., wife of Benjamin Karns, lives in the State of New York; Peter A., who married Sallie Dreibelbis, lives in Bloomsburg.

Harry H. Kline attended the public schools of the home township and worked around among farmers for a number of years. For a time he was employed by ex-sheriff J. Boyd McHenry, under whom he served three years as jailer and deputy. In 1901 he purchased the old Dildine farm of seventy-one acres, on the State road below Benton, erected new buildings and made vast improvements on the place. For four years he ran a dairy, selling the products in Benton, but this he has now discontinued. He was elected a director of the First National Bank in the spring of 1913. Since 1901 he has been a rural route carrier out of the Benton post office.

In 1889 Mr. Kline married Dora, daughter of James Shultz, of Sugarloaf township, Columbia county, and they have children as follows: Robert, a member of the class of 1914, in the Benton high school; Helen, a graduate of the township schools and now attending the high school; and Lee, also in school.

Mr. Kline is a member of the Christian Church and an adherent of the principles of the Democratic party. He takes a great interest in the cause of education and has progressive ideas.

JONATHAN LOREMAN, fruit grower and general farmer of Franklin township, Columbia county, was born Jan. 18, 1840, son of Samuel and Mary (Everett) Loreman, and grandson of John Loreman.

John Loreman moved from Berks county, Pa., to Franklin township, Columbia Co., Pa., and spent the remainder of his life clearing and developing the farm he acquired in this locality. He died upon his property, and is buried in the Reed Station cemetery in Westmoreland county. He and his wife had children as follows: Jacob; Samuel, who mar-

ried Mary Everett; ———; Frederick, and Andrew.

Samuel Loreman, son of John Loreman, was a farmer in Franklin township. He served as poor director, school director and overseer of the poor, to which offices he was elected on the Democratic ticket. He and his wife became the parents of the following children: John; Andrew; Samuel; Daniel; Catherine, who married Jacob Metz; Margaret, who married Joe Zarr; and Jonathan.

Jonathan Loreman was born and reared in Franklin township, where he still resides. Until he was eighteen years old he assisted his father, and then began working for neighboring farmers, thus continuing until 1884, when he moved on the property which he is still operating. He has found that he gets best results from fruit and a general line of crops, and is devoting himself to their production.

Mr. Loreman married Catherine Setler, of Franklin township, who is now deceased. She bore him children as follows: Samuel is assisting his father in the work of the farm; John lives in Mayberry township, Montour county; Mary married William Hoover; Lucy married C. Sterling; Elizabeth married Peter Schlee.

Mr. Loreman has been poor supervisor and school director, and has served faithfully in other township offices, giving public affairs the same conscientious attention that he does to his private concerns. A man of means, he has reached his present prosperous condition through hard work, intelligently directed, and judicious investment of his savings.

**SAMUEL WARREN ADAMS**, farmer, of Berwick, was born Feb. 2, 1853, in Briarcreek township, son of Enos L. Adams and grandson of Samuel Adams, his ancestors being traced through many generations to a remote German ancestor.

Anthony Adam (Adams), a potter by trade, was the founder of the family in America. He came from Germany, landing in Philadelphia Oct. 26, 1751, from the snow "Molly," commanded by Capt. John Cranch. His age was given on the passenger list as twenty-five. He settled in Albany township, Berks Co., Pa., receiving a grant of over 136 acres from the proprietaries. He was a man of prominence in the Colonies, participating in the French and Indian wars, and acted on two occasions as administrator of estates. The name of his wife and the date of his death are not known, but it is recorded that he had four sons: Abraham, Anthony, Bernhard and Peter.

Anthony Adams (2), son of Anthony of Albany township, was born about the year 1736, and was a resident of the adjoining township of Windsor in 1758. He married Rosena Dunkel, widow of Vincent Leshar, of Richmond township, and by this union he had four known children: Peter, of Windsor township, born Oct. 1, 1765, died July 1, 1849, married Catherine Hausknecht; Anthony (3), of Briarcreek township; Jacob, of Berks county, married Susan Kline, of Richmond township; Abraham, of Briarcreek, born Oct. 7, 1779, died July 6, 1855, married Susan Miller. Anthony Adam (2) served during the Revolutionary war as a private in Capt. Jacob Ladic's company, Col. Samuel Ely's battalion, Berks county militia, and was in the service sixteen days in 1781. In 1799 he received from the State a patent for a tract of 307 acres of land called "Manheim," on Briar creek, in Northumberland (now Columbia) county, and in 1806 received another patent for a tract of 426 acres, called "Quincy," on the same creek. These lands he conveyed to his four sons. His death occurred in April, 1809.

Anthony Adam (3) established the Adams homestead in Briarcreek township, Columbia county. He was born Dec. 25, 1767. He served as private in Capt. Christian Mader's company of Berks county militia, which was ordered to the front in 1787, arrived at Fort Allen Nov. 21, at Wyoming Nov. 26, and was discharged Jan. 6, 1788. He probably settled in Briarcreek as early as 1792, for in October of that year a warrant was granted him for 278 acres of land, for which he received a patent in 1811. He purchased a parcel of seventy-five acres in Fishingcreek township, a tract of 307 acres was deeded to him by his father in 1806, and in 1811 he received a deed from his brothers for his fourth interest (106 acres) in the tract called "Quincy." He married Catherine Glass, born Dec. 30, 1766, who died Aug. 12, 1845. His death occurred April 29, 1822, and he and his wife are interred in the Briarcreek Reformed Church yard, five miles west of Berwick. The children of this couple were: Hannah, born May 10, 1790, died Sept. 3, 1870, married Daniel Zaner, of Briarcreek; William, born Dec. 15, 1791, died April 26, 1860, married Susanna Hess (he served in the war of 1812, in Capt. George Heidler's company, 112th Regiment, Columbia County Militia, under Col. Andrew Keller); Samuel is mentioned below; Anthony (4) married Elsie Engel and removed to Rock Island, Ill.; Rachel, born Nov. 29, 1797, died April 8, 1852, married William Traugh, of Berwick, in

1817; Abraham married a Miss Goble and removed to Rock Island, Ill. (he served in the same company as his brother William); Elizabeth, born May 12, 1803, died Sept. 26, 1840, unmarried; Mary Magdalene, born in 1806, died June 17, 1879, married Enos Leidy, of Berwick, and moved to Manayunk, Philadelphia; Sarah, born May 29, 1808, died March 17, 1872, married Jacob Moyer, of Berwick.

Samuel Adams, grandfather of Samuel W., was born in 1793 and resided all of his life in the township of Briarcreek on the old homestead. On June 27, 1819, he married Esther, daughter of Capt. Frederick Hill, proprietor of the old Fort Jenkins Inn, his wife being Catherine Conner. They had the following children: Anthony, born Feb. 26, 1821, died in infancy; Mary Ann, born Jan. 31, 1822, died March 1, 1877, married Louis Traugh, of Berwick, who died March 5, 1850, and (second) Warren Vanderhoven; Enos Leidy is mentioned below. Samuel Adams died Nov. 29, 1846.

Enos Leidy Adams was born July 28, 1824, and died in August, 1887, aged sixty-three years. He was the fourth of the Adams generation to cultivate the homestead. He added to his holdings until at his death he owned 265 acres of land, and two houses and lots in Berwick. He married, March 13, 1847, Margaret Kisner, born April 21, 1827, who died May 19, 1872. She was the daughter of John Kisner and granddaughter of Maj. John Kisner, a Revolutionary officer, of New Jersey. They had ten children: Alice Lydia, born Feb. 11, 1848, married James Knox Polk Freas, of Berwick, who died Oct. 16, 1898; John Kisner, born April 8, 1850, died March 15, 1880, unmarried; Samuel Warren; Enos Kinney, born July 8, 1855, died in November, 1889, married Clara Miles; Anna Mary, born Nov. 4, 1857, married Joseph Turnbach, a hardware merchant, of Philipsburg, Pa., and died Dec. 30, 1903; William L., born May 27, 1860, married Lizzie A. Davis, of Colon, Mich., and has four children (they now live in Hoquiam, Wash.); Charles Elliott, born Jan. 26, 1863, married Mary E. Albertson and has four children; Margaret Ida, born Oct. 11, 1866, married Leoni H. Cryder, of Berwick; Frances L., born Oct. 14, 1869, married James L. Evans, of Berwick; Edwin Orison, born March 12, 1872, died Aug. 6, 1872.

Samuel Warren Adams was educated in the public schools and has spent all of his life on the farm. On Oct. 4, 1881, he married Eliza Harmon, daughter of Nicholas D. and Catherine (Gearhardt) Harmon, of Catawissa.

Mrs. Adams is one of four children, her brothers being Alfred, Thurman and Nicholas B., all of whom are dead. Mr. and Mrs. Adams have had only one child, Fannie Margaret, born April 4, 1870, now the wife of Taylor Wright, of Martzville, Pa. Mr. Adams and his family are members of the Martzville Lutheran Church. Socially he belongs to Order of Owls. He has been judge and inspector of elections, and school director for three years.

CHARLES STEWART FORNWALD, of Bloomsburg, a retired blacksmith, and commander of Col. W. H. Ent Post, No. 250, G. A. R., was born Aug. 22, 1842, in Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa., son of Michael Fornwald and grandson of Peter Fornwald. The latter was the originator of the famous Fornwald apple, and a well known hatter of the city of Reading, Pennsylvania.

Peter Fornwald, the first of the family on record in this State, was born March 10, 1771, in Reading, Pa., and died Feb. 4, 1847. He is buried at Catawissa. He gained a fair education in the schools of Reading and there learned the trade of hatter, later having a shop on what is now Water street. He took a great interest in the cultivation of apples, and succeeded in developing the famous apple which bears his name. Part of the old house in which he lived is still standing. He came to Catawissa before 1795, and there continued to follow his trade. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran Church.

Peter Fornwald married Ann Elizabeth Rupert, daughter of John Philip and Catherine (Rosch) Rupert, and they had ten children: Catherine, born July 28, 1796, married Jacob Eyerly (both are buried in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg); Michael is mentioned below; John, born Jan. 23, 1800, died July 26, 1825, and is buried at Catawissa; Sarah, born July 24, 1802, married Stephen Baldy, and died March 7, 1879 (both are buried at Catawissa); Eliza, born Nov. 18, 1804, married Daniel Kreigh, and died April 13, 1836; Rebecca, born Dec. 30, 1806, died March 26, 1876; Daniel, born Nov. 1, 1808, married Catherine Eidler Feb. 7, 1833, died April 14, 1891, and is buried at Falls Church; Susanna, born Feb. 7, 1811, married William Pursell, died Dec. 10, 1897, and is buried at Frosty Valley; Mary, born Dec. 24, 1813, died Dec. 29, 1885, is buried at Catawissa; Peter, born Feb. 3, 1816, is buried in Catawissa.

Michael Fornwald was born Jan. 27, 1798, in Catawissa, attended the common schools,

and learned the trade of hatter from his father. He worked at that calling as a journeyman until 1835, when he bought his father's hat shop, carrying it on until 1841, when he opened a general store at Catawissa. For a time he kept the store and post office and then in 1850 went to Danville, as weighmaster at the Reading Iron Works. Between 1852 and 1870 he worked at odd jobs in Philadelphia and taught a German and English school in Beaver township, Columbia county. Returning to Bloomsburg in 1870 he retired, dying on March 26th of the following year. He married Jane Melroy, born April 11, 1803, who died Sept. 23, 1851. Their children were: William Rodman married Kate Budd, of Virginia, and both are deceased; Amanda Ada, who married James B. Reed, is buried in Philadelphia; Rhoda Ann, born Dec. 19, 1836, married Martin L. Kurtz, who is buried at the Soldiers' Home, Dayton, Ohio, and she lies in Rosemont cemetery; Eliza Jane married William T. Pedrick, and is buried in Philadelphia; Charles Stewart is mentioned below.

Charles S. Fornwald attended the private schools conducted by the Misses Bradley and Ivers, at Texas, a suburb of Philadelphia, and then, in September, 1851, came to Hemlock township, Columbia county, where he was bound out to a farmer for five years. He received but three months' schooling in that time. After working for a time on a farm for himself he put in two years at the blacksmith's trade with Amos B. Hartman, of Hemlock township. On April 22, 1861, he enlisted in the "Iron Guards," Company A, 6th Pa. Vols., for three years or during the war. After the expiration of his term he was mustered out, June 1, 1864. He participated in the battles of Drainesville, Va., Bull Run, Va., South Mountain, Md., Gettysburg, Pa., Bristoe Station, Va., Mine Run, Va., New Hope Church, Va., Spottsylvania Court House, Va., the Wilderness, Va., Anna River, Va., Bethesda Church, Va. He was wounded three times at the battle of Bull Run, and at the battle of South Mountain was wounded in the ankle by a minie ball and sent to the hospitals in Middletown, Frederick City and Baltimore. He then spent two weeks in the Convalescent camp near Alexandria, Va., rejoining his company Feb. 27, 1863, at Fairfax Court House, Va. At the battle of South Mountain he had the tops of his shoes shot away, and when he came out of action found seventeen bullet holes in his clothing.

On his return from the war Mr. Fornwald worked on the railroad at Catawissa for four

months and as a blacksmith for one year with Miles Abbott, in Bloomsburg. He then married and moved to Bagdad, Montour county, rented a shop and worked at his trade for a year. He next worked in the iron mines at Frosty Valley for five months and acted as weighmaster at the Irondale Furnace for two years. Finding the latter work too confining, he rented a shop at Bloomsburg and worked at blacksmithing for two years. He was then on the Pennsylvania canal for two years, in the Sharpless Foundry twelve years, in the Robbins Car Works, and in the foundry of Harman & Hassert. In the latter place he was attacked by sunstroke and compelled to retire from active work.

Mr. Fornwald married Anna Beidleman, who was born in Bloomsburg, and died July 6, 1902; she is buried in Rosemont cemetery. They had children as follows: Jennie Pursell, born June 27, 1866, died Jan. 2, 1870; Kate Edgar, born Sept. 5, 1867, died Dec. 3, 1869; Matthew, born Nov. 10, 1869, died young; Elisha Scott, born Nov. 24, 1870, died in December, 1912; Sophia, born Jan. 8, 1872, died Sept. 5, 1877; George Augustus, born June 3, 1877, married Chrissie M. Farley, and has three children; Charles Melroy, born June 3, 1877, married Mary R. Moyer; Clara Augusta was born June 16, 1879; Edward Roscoe, June 18, 1881; Paul, July 25, 1883 (died in infancy); Harriet Lenore, Jan. 18, 1885; Nina, April 21, 1888 (died in childhood).

Mr. Fornwald is a Republican and was appointed sheriff of Columbia county in May, 1876, by Governor Hartranft. He was assessor of Bloomsburg for six years and member of the State Board of Health for three years. He is a member of the Reformed Church, and has been secretary of the board of deacons. He was a charter member of Post No. 152, G. A. R., and of Post No. 250, which succeeded it, and has been post commander; he was adjutant for twenty years.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS FORNWALD, of Bloomsburg, quartermaster-sergeant of Company G, 12th Regiment Pennsylvania National Guard, and an employee of the United States postal service, was born June 3, 1877, in Bloomsburg, Pa., son of Charles Stewart Fornwald. He comes from a line of ancestors who have made their mark on the history of this State.

George A. Fornwald attended the public schools of Bloomsburg until his sixteenth year. He then, Jan. 1, 1893, entered the printing

office of Deemer Beidelmann; at Shickshinny, where he served at the trade for three and a half years. Returning to Bloomsburg he worked on the *Sentinel*. During the Spanish-American war he enlisted in Battery F, 4th Light Artillery, Nov. 11, 1898, and was mustered into the service at Wilkes-Barre, being assigned to duty at Fort Adams, R. I. The officers of the battery were: Capt. Sydney W. Taylor, First Lieut. Lawrence S. Miller, Second Lieut. John W. Kilbreth, Jr. Mr. Fornwald remained at Fort Adams until April 1, 1899, when he was sent to the Philippines, embarking at San Francisco April 20, 1899, and arriving in Manila May 23, 1899. During the period of his service in the Philippines Aguinaldo was captured.

Returning to the United States July 4, 1901, he was detained in the hospital for eleven weeks because of a general breakdown, while the battery was in the Vancouver barracks, in Washington State. Just previous to his discharge in November, 1901, the battery was merged into the 8th Field Battery, and he was promoted to corporal just before his discharge. Coming back to Bloomsburg, he worked on the *Morning Press* for about twenty months. Then he was occupied at various employments until his appointment, June 1, 1912, to the position of letter carrier, after having "subbed" for eight years and two months. In 1912 he enlisted in Company G, 12th Regiment, Pennsylvania National Guard, was at first duty sergeant, and is now quartermaster-sergeant.

On Feb. 16, 1902, Mr. Fornwald married Chrissie M. Farley, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Culp) Farley, of Riverside, Northumberland Co., Pa., and they have the following children: Mildred, born Jan. 12, 1903; Oran, born Aug. 11, 1907; and Reber, born Aug. 26, 1908. Mr. Fornwald is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and socially of Van Camp Lodge, No. 140, I. O. O. F., and Encampment No. 210, of Espy; and of Capt. C. B. Brockway Camp, No. 270, Sons of Veterans, of which he is a past commander.

Mrs. Fornwald was born March 10, 1883, in Roaringcreek township, and educated at Riverside, Northumberland county. After her schooldays she worked in Danville for a year, and then married. She is a member of Marie Knapp Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, and Pocahontas Tribe. Her religious membership is with the Presbyterian Church.

Joseph Farley, father of Mrs. Fornwald, died Feb. 3, 1909, at the age of seventy-six years, nine months, two days. His wife died

Sept. 27, 1911, aged sixty-seven years, ten days. They are buried in the new Rosemont cemetery at Bloomsburg. Mr. Farley was a carpenter, but after working at the trade for some years lost a hand and turned to farming for a livelihood.

NELSON WEBSTER BLOSS, who has been connected with the manufacturing life of Berwick for some years, was born in that city Nov. 3, 1875, son of Nathan Bloss. The latter was born at Holly Springs, Pa., Aug. 5, 1829, and died at Berwick, Pa., Dec. 6, 1877. He married Mrs. Elizabeth (Harmon) Rabert, widow of Samuel Rabert, and daughter of John A. and Sarah (Varner) Harmon, of Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa. Mrs. Bloss was born in Salem township, Sept. 2, 1837, and died at Berwick June 3, 1904. The children of her first marriage were: Clara L., born in Beach Haven, Sept. 9, 1865; and Samuel L., born in Beach Haven, Sept. 21, 1867. By her second marriage she also had two children: Eva May, born at Berwick, Dec. 6, 1870, who died there June 30, 1872; and Nelson W. A carpenter by trade, Nathan Bloss was well and favorably known in Holly Springs and Berwick and throughout the surrounding country. For a number of years he served Berwick as a policeman, and stood very high in the public esteem. He belonged to the order of Red Men and the Odd Fellows (Lodge No. 246). The Lutheran Church held his membership and received his earnest support.

Nelson Webster Bloss was educated in the Market street school and the high school, from which he was graduated in 1894. During the next year he worked for the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and was under Gideon Beishline. He then went to Wyoming Seminary and took a business training course. Returning to Berwick in 1896, he taught one year in the Market street school, and two years in the high school. In 1899 he entered the paymaster's department of the American Car & Foundry Company, under S. W. Dickson, paymaster, and after about two years in that department went into the drafting room, under H. P. Field, mechanical engineer. About 1909 he left that position and bought a farm at Hicks Ferry which he cultivated for two years, until he went to New York City to take a position in the export department of the American Car & Foundry Company. After nine months there he returned to Berwick and entered the mechanical inspection department of the company.

Mr. Bloss married Grace Clewell, daughter of I. B. and Lucinda (Rheinard) Clewell. There are no children of this marriage. Mr. Bloss is independent in his political views. He belongs to the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church of Berwick, and fraternally is a Mason, holding membership in Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., of Berwick, Caldwell Consistory (thirty-second degree), A. A. S. R. of Bloomsburg, and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre.

ALEM BRITTON WHITE, deceased, was born in Fishingcreek township, Columbia county, May 9, 1833, son of Joseph and Lydia Ann (Robins) White. His death occurred May 15, 1911, and he is interred in the cemetery at Light Street.

Peter White, grandfather of Alem B. White, was a prominent farmer in Scott township, Columbia county, and was yet a young man when he died in 1815. He married Elizabeth Britton, by whom he had eight sons and five daughters: Harry; Mary Maud, Mrs. Garrison; Zebeth; John; Joseph; William; Samuel; Peter; Catherine, Mrs. Oman; Sarah, Mrs. Melick; Elizabeth, Mrs. Emerson; Isaac; and Henry.

Joseph White, the father of Alem B. White, was born March 15, 1800, and after attaining his majority became an agriculturist on his own account. He was a member of the Methodist Church and very prominent in his day. By his first marriage, to Lydia Ann, daughter of John Robbins, he had eight children: Sarah C., wife of John Johnson, of Greenwood township; Alem Britton; Melissa J., who married Henry Miller; John A., a carpenter, living in Ohio; Mary E., who married David Oman, now dead; Anna A., widow of Samuel White, of Fairmount township, Luzerne county; Harriet M., wife of Thomas Wright; and Eliza R., wife of S. B. Fornwald, of Washington, Ind. Mrs. White died Dec. 7, 1835, aged thirty-eight years. Mr. White's second wife was Deborah Fowler, and they reared two children: Florence P., wife of N. H. White, of Columbia county; and Joseph, a merchant of Light Street.

Alem B. White was reared on the home farm, attended the common schools, and graduated from Greenwood Seminary, Millville, Pa., after which he began teaching school, at the age of sixteen. He was assistant in the Bloomsburg high school and taught six months in Greenwood Seminary. For a short time he was engaged as a clerk in stores in Light Street, before going into business for himself

at Ashland, Schuylkill county, and finally returned to Light Street, where he clerked for H. W. Creasy until the latter's death in 1871. He then purchased the general merchandise store of Peter Ent and carried on the business until 1895, when he retired in favor of his brother Joseph. He had previously purchased the property upon which the store was situated. Mr. White also engaged in the lumber and fertilizer business, dealt in coal, and acted as agent of the Bloomsburg & Sullivan Railroad Company and of the United States Express Company.

On March 23, 1869, Mr. White married Esther E. Geisinger, a native of Luzerne county and a daughter of Samuel Geisinger, and they had but one daughter, who was taken from them in infancy. They then adopted a daughter, Bessie, who took the place of the lost one. She married Amos Oman, an advertising man, of Philadelphia, and they have two children: Howard White, now aged five years, and Mary Esther, two years old.

Mr. White was a staunch supporter of the Prohibition party. Fraternally he was a member of Locust Mountain Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Ashland, Pa., and Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg. He supported the tenets of the Methodist Church and was for many years superintendent of the Sunday school. Mrs. White survives her husband, residing in Light Street, honored and beloved by all who know her.

ELIAS HOPPES, a well known and respected resident of Berwick, was born March 16, 1836, in Luzerne county, Pa., son of George and Catherine (Benscoter) Hoppes.

George Hoppes was born in Luzerne county, where he followed farming and spent his life. He married Catherine Benscoter, of the same county, and they had eight children: Hannah, Elias, Rose, Ann, Jonah, Sarah, George and Emma. Of these Hannah, Elias, George and Emma survive. Jonah served in the Civil war.

Elias Hoppes came to Columbia county in boyhood and when the Civil war broke out was a resident of Summer Hill, Briarcreek township. On Oct. 22, 1862, at Camp Curtin, he enlisted for service in the Union army, being mustered in Oct. 28th as a member of Company H, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. Theodore McD. Price and Col. James Johnson, and after a faithful service of nine months was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., July 27, 1863. During this time he took part in many

battles but escaped without any serious injury. He then returned to Columbia county and settled at Berwick in 1864 entering the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Company now the American Car & Foundry Company, in whose employ he has continued ever since, being one of the oldest in point of service as well as one of the most valued employees of this company. Mr. Hoppes was one of the first policemen in the borough. He is a member of Capt. C. C. Jackson Post, No. 159, G. A. R., and of the Berwick Beneficial Association.

On Feb. 19, 1873, Mr. Hoppes was married to Mrs. Mary (Kramer) Smith, who was born Sept. 18, 1832, in Luzerne county, a daughter of Abram and Permillia (Santee) Kramer, natives of Luzerne county, where they spent their lives; the father was a farmer and stockman. They have six living children: George, who is a resident of Berwick; Maude, who is the wife of George Schrader, of Bridgeport, Conn.; Jennie, who is the wife of Reuben Craver, of Freeland, Pa.; and Clarence, Elizabeth and Sterling, all of whom reside at Berwick. Mr. and Mrs. Hoppes are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Hoppes is a charter member of the Woman's Relief Corps of Berwick. By her first marriage, to Hiram Smith, a native of Luzerne county, she became the mother of four sons: David, of Scranton, Pa.; Frank, of Berwick; Daniel, of Wayne county, and Charles, of California. The father died in Luzerne county. He was a veteran of the Civil war.

THOMAS GOODALL VINCENT, of Danville, has been holding the office of prothonotary and clerk of the courts of Montour county since 1902 and is one of the most popular officials of the county. He has been one of the most active local workers of his generation in the Democratic party. Mr. Vincent is a native of Danville, born April 18, 1873, son of Henry Vincent, and grandson of Job Vincent.

Job Vincent was born in England, as was also his wife, Lydia (Roberts), and they were married in that country. By trade he was a mason. He brought his family to America in 1852, landing at New York City, and soon afterward settled in Danville, Montour Co., Pa. The family consisted of seven children.

Henry Vincent, eldest in the family of Job and Lydia Vincent, was born in England Dec. 25, 1844, and came to America with his parents. He had but limited educational op-

portunities in his youth, as at the age of ten he commenced work in the rolling mills, being thus employed until he was thirty-two years of age. He worked on contract for several years and during that time also found opportunity for studying law, taking a course at Columbia College, New York City, where he graduated in 1878. He was admitted to the bar in New York, and the same year in Montour county, Pa. Subsequently he commenced the practice of law at Danville, in 1879, and entered into a partnership with James Scarlet which continued for two years. Mr. Vincent then conceived the idea of establishing the Danville Stove Manufactory, organized a stock company, and was elected its first president. The success of this business was largely due to his energy and determination. It is now known as the Danville Stove & Manufacturing Company. In 1863 Mr. Vincent married Sarah Taylor, daughter of William Taylor. She was also a native of England, born near the birth-place of her husband, and came to America the same year as Mr. Vincent, both locating the same year at Danville, where they met for the first time and were afterward married. Eight children were born to their union, namely: Elizabeth, now Mrs. E. P. Gregory, of Danville; Thaddeus; Henry; Thomas G.; Victor; Robert; Walter, and William. Mrs. Vincent is a member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Vincent served as a member of the council of Danville. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, 132d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in several great battles, among which were Antietam, South Mountain, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, as well as many minor engagements and skirmishes, having several narrow escapes. Five balls entered his clothing, and at the battle of Antietam his coat sleeve was completely shot off.

Thomas Goodall Vincent was educated in the public schools of Danville, and began work there as a molder in the Danville Stove Works. After four years' work in that plant he took up the insurance business, which he has since carried on, continuing it at present in connection with his public work. In 1902 he became prothonotary and clerk of the courts of Montour county, in which position he has since been retained, now serving his fifth term, which expires in 1916. At three elections he had the honor of receiving more votes than had ever been cast for any other candidate in the county. His person-



ality undoubtedly accounts for much of this popularity, but he also has the solid qualities which make him deserving of the favor and good wishes of his fellow citizens, whom he has served with the utmost intelligence and fidelity. He is influential in the councils of his party, has been a delegate to State conventions many times, and on two occasions has been delegate to the national convention, the first time as a Bryan man at Denver, the other as a Wilson supporter at Baltimore. He is well known in the fraternities, belonging to Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M.; Lodge No. 754, B. P. O. Elks; the Eagles; Beaver Lodge, No. 132, K. P.; and Montour Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F.

On Feb. 1, 1894, Mr. Vincent married Deborah Shultz, of Danville, daughter of Dr. B. F. and Mary Shultz. She died April 21, 1907, the mother of three children, Mary Dorothea and Sarah Margaret, twins, and Catherine.

**SHARPLESS.** The Sharpless family of Columbia county is descended from John Sharpless, a native of England, who emigrated to America about two months before the first coming of William Penn and settled in what became Chester county, in the Province of Pennsylvania. There the family continued to live for generations.

Benjamin Sharpless, great-grandson of John, was the first of the family to come to this part of Pennsylvania. Born Aug. 7, 1764, in Chester county, he passed his early life there, learning the trade of miller after he reached man's estate. When young he had learned the saddler's trade, but he never followed it in Columbia county except to make harness for himself. In 1795 he crossed the mountains, and first located in Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., where he invested in a mill, operating the same for two years in partnership with Robert Coburn; later he was associated with Enos Sharpless. He also taught school there for some time. In 1805 he disposed of his business interests at that place and moved to Catawissa, and the farm which he purchased and operated, adjoining the village, has since been laid out in town lots. Four years after his arrival he bought a gristmill which he carried on successfully until 1812, when in company with John Clark he erected a paper mill on the same site. The paper was manufactured by hand, from rags, and Mr. Sharpless paid as high as nine cents a pound for white rags. He prospered, and had a fine home in Catawissa which he erected in 1835. His

death occurred when he was in his ninety-third year, May 28, 1857. In 1782, in Philadelphia, Mr. Sharpless married Hannah Bonsall, daughter of Edward Bonsall, and like himself a member of the Society of Friends, to which the earlier members of the Sharpless family belonged. Mr. and Mrs. Sharpless are buried in the Friends' cemetery at Catawissa. They became the parents of eleven children, two of whom died young, viz.: Mary Ann married Dr. Wadsworth, of Catawissa; Eliza died unmarried when ninety-four years old; Edward married Betsy Roth and (second) Nancy Pancoast, who lived at Marion, Ohio; William, who resided at Catawissa, was married three times; Joseph is mentioned below; Bonsall died in infancy; John married Sarah Ann Harder; Harriet became the wife of George Reifsnyder; Sarah married Louis Yetter; Kersey J. married Mary Margaret Harder; another child died young.

Joseph Sharpless was born Dec. 6, 1808, at Catawissa, Columbia county, and there grew to manhood, working with his father until twenty-six years old. From that time he was in business for himself, meeting with such success that he became one of the most substantial citizens of his section, ranking high among business men and winning the esteem of all his fellow citizens. His active business career covered the period when Bloomsburg began to develop into the enterprising borough it has since become, and it was Mr. Sharpless and other men of his kind who promoted her advancement so materially. In 1841 he went from Catawissa to Roaringcreek, this county, where he did business as a general merchant for five years. He was next at Berwick for two and a half years, conducting a foundry, and the end of that period became interested in the manufacture of charcoal and pig iron at Foundryville, being thus engaged until his removal to Bloomsburg, in 1849. There he purchased the Hayhurst & Boone foundry, which then occupied the site on Center street, where Mr. Rawlings' house was afterwards erected, and he continued in business for thirty years, until his retirement in 1879. Stoves, coal breakers and similar goods were turned out of the establishment, which Mr. Sharpless managed with such success that it became one of the important industrial plants in the town and a real factor in its prosperity. He was considered one of the remarkably successful self-made men of Bloomsburg, and was highly respected for his achievements and the honorable methods by which he accomplished his rise in the world. After re-



tiring in 1879, he was not actively associated with any business, though he retained his financial interest in several concerns.

On Feb. 4, 1836, Mr. Sharpless married Mary Ellen Foster, of Catawissa, who was born July 18, 1817, daughter of John F. and Eleanor (Hollingshead) Foster. Mr. Sharpless died March 12, 1900, Mrs. Sharpless on April 23, 1901. They attended the Methodist Episcopal Church for many years and were among its liberal supporters. Nine children were born to their marriage, namely: Harriet R., born Feb. 23, 1837, remained at home with her parents; Lloyd T., born March 18, 1839, formerly in the grocery business at Bloomsburg, married Mattie Wagenseller; Benjamin F. is mentioned below; Loretta A., born Jan. 4, 1843, married Jefferson Vanderslice and lived most of her life in Bloomsburg; Clara, born Nov. 12, 1844, died April 4, 1849; Elizabeth, born Sept. 7, 1846, married Wesley Eyer, of Bloomsburg; Araminta E., born Nov. 24, 1848, married Jasper Wilson; Mary Ellen, born Oct. 16, 1852, died Sept. 9, 1853; Harry F., born Oct. 4, 1863, lived for some time in Ford county, Kans., later moving to Pueblo, Colo., where he was an extensive real estate dealer and residing now in Washington State, in the real estate and bond business. The Sharpless family occupied a fine home on Main street which Mr. Sharpless erected in 1854. He was a Republican in politics, and during the Civil war a Union sympathizer. He frequently held local offices, serving as councilman and school director.

BENJAMIN F. SHARPLESS was born May 22, 1841, in Locust township, Columbia county. A youth of twenty when the Civil war broke out, he enlisted in 1861 in Company A, 6th Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserves, with which he served three years, being mustered out June 13, 1864. He took part in the battles of Dranesville, Second Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Bristoe Station, New Hope Church, and the Wilderness. He was wounded at Antietam, but the force of the bullet was spent striking his belt and accoutrements, which prevented it passing through his body. Returning to Bloomsburg at the close of his army service, Mr. Sharpless six months later, in January, 1865, began to learn the trade of molder. In April, 1868, he became one of the firm of Sharpless & Harman, Bloomsburg, upon his father's retirement, succeeding to the sole ownership of the establishment three years later, and operating it as the Eagle Iron Works. There he continued until 1893, when he re-

modeled the foundry building, which is at the corner of Sixth and Center streets, fitting it up for store and residence purposes. During his active years he was considered one of the most enterprising and useful citizens of the borough. He was president of the Bloomsburg Land and Improvement Company. Mr. Sharpless has been a Republican in politics, and his religious connection is with the Methodist Church.

In 1866 Benjamin F. Sharpless married Sophia Hartman, daughter of Charles Hartman, and they had a family of six children, namely: Joseph L., who is in the grocery business at Bloomsburg; Charles H., a prosperous grocer at Bloomsburg; Ray F.; Arthur W.; and two children who died in infancy. The mother died Oct. 13, 1914, aged seventy-two years, and was buried in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg.

John Sharpless, son of Benjamin and Hannah (Bonsall) Sharpless, was born at Catawissa and there passed his early life. In his youth he was employed in his father's paper mill, later erecting the building known as "the corner drug store," in which he did business until his death in 1868, keeping a stock of general merchandise. He is buried in Greenwood cemetery, Catawissa. His wife, Sarah Ann (Harder), died in 1852 and is buried in the Quaker cemetery there. She too was a native of Catawissa. Mr. and Mrs. Sharpless were members of the Society of Friends.

GEORGE H. SHARPLESS, son of John and Sarah Ann (Harder) Sharpless, was born May 29, 1852, was reared in Catawissa, and received his early education in the schools of that place. In 1861 he entered the Kingston Seminary, where he spent two years, and his nineteenth year became a student at the West Chester Classical Institute, where he also spent two years. He then returned to Columbia county and commenced business in a store building on what was then known as the "Willets farm," but now as the "Sharpless farm." He continued in this place doing business for three years, when he came to Catawissa and entered the employ of C. F. Harder, with whom he remained until taking his present position with A. S. Truckenmiller, in May, 1886. He was married at Catawissa, Nov. 23, 1873, to Miss Ella Schmick, a native of Norristown, Pa., daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Baldy) Schmick, natives of Catawissa, where the latter still resides, the former having died in 1855 at Norristown, where he was general manager of the canal. Mr. and Mrs. Sharpless

have four children: John, Gilbert, Kate and Anna. The parents are members of the Lutheran Church. In politics he is a Republican-Democrat.

WILLIAM R. RINGROSE, superintendent of Rosemont cemetery, at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, has held that position for the last twelve years and has done good work, proving himself competent not only to keep the property up to the mark, in the way of intelligent care, but also awake to the improvements necessary from time to time. He has benefited by experiments made elsewhere, and by his own experience, until he is regarded as one of the most reliable men in his line in this section. Mr. Ringrose is a native of Luzerne county, Pa., born at Nescopeck Aug. 21, 1841, son of Aaron Ringrose.

Aaron Ringrose, the father, was born Dec. 20, 1813, in Naseby, England, was reared in his native land, and there learned the trade of butcher, which he followed until he came to America, in 1837. He first settled at Nescopeck, in Luzerne county, Pa., and was a resident of that county the remainder of his life, following butchering and droving. Later he removed from Nescopeck to Sloyersville, where he was similarly engaged, also buying a farm. His death occurred in Nescopeck Dec. 19, 1857, and he is buried at Berwick, in Pine Grove cemetery, where his wife Catherine (Fowler) also rests. She was born June 14, 1817, in Columbia county, Pa., and died Oct. 21, 1899. They were married in Luzerne county. She came of an old settled family of this part of the State, being a daughter of William and Susannah (Rittenhouse) Fowler, of Nescopeck. To Mr. and Mrs. Ringrose were born eight children, namely: Delilah, born Sept. 19, 1838, married William E. Sterner, of Bloomsburg, Pa.; Mary S., born July 4, 1840, died in Philadelphia July 27, 1902, unmarried, and is buried at Berwick; William R. is mentioned below; Sarah, born May 11, 1843, married William Stackhouse, of Berwick, and died March 7, 1900 (she is buried at Berwick); Ellis J., born July 9, 1844, lives at Esputown, Pa.; Elisha, born Sept. 13, 1845, now a resident of Fowlerville, has held township office and also served as county commissioner of Columbia county; Jesse W., born Aug. 30, 1847, lives at No. 219 North Third street, Philadelphia; Henry, born Dec. 23, 1849, died Nov. 20, 1862, in Briar-creek township, Columbia county.

William R. Ringrose attended public school at Nescopeck. From the time he was seven

years old until he reached the age of twenty he lived with William Rittenhouse. In 1862 he enlisted in Company D, 1st Regiment, United States Regular Army, with which he served until wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg, being discharged shortly afterward, in 1863, on account of disability. In 1864 he again enlisted, becoming a member of Company G, 2d Artillery, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and serving until the close of the war. He saw considerable active service, and made a creditable record for fidelity to duty. In 1865 he came to Columbia county, and has been a resident of Bloomsburg ever since. After the war he learned the trade of carpenter with John S. Sterner, and continued to follow that work until 1892, gaining a good reputation for thorough mechanical work and trustworthiness. For about twelve years, owing to injuries, he had to give up work. In 1902 he took his present position, as superintendent of Rosemont cemetery at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, and under his management vast improvement has been effected, his intelligent direction of affairs and tireless industry being well rewarded in the present fine appearance of the property. In this connection he has become well known to many residents of the county, his conscientious work having attracted the attention of all whose interest has led them to some knowledge of it.

Mr. Ringrose was one of the organizers of Ent Post, No. 250, G. A. R., of Bloomsburg, and is still active in its work, at present serving as treasurer of the post. He has also been a member of the I. O. O. F. since 1871, and has belonged to the Methodist Church since 1849.

On Dec. 25, 1873, Mr. Ringrose was married, at Berwick, Pa., by Rev. Mr. Cattell, pastor of the Baptist Church, to Mary A. Hartman, of Fowlerville, this county, daughter of the late Edward Hartman, of Berks county, Pa., and his wife Sarah (Bombay), who is now living at Espy; she is over ninety-one years of age. Mrs. Ringrose was born March 4, 1855, and died April 3, 1903. She is interred in Rosemont cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Ringrose had one daughter, Harriet, who is now the wife of John W. Knies, of Hazleton, Pa., and resides in Bloomsburg; they have one daughter, Alice P.

HARRY FRANKLIN HESS, of Berwick, is a native of that borough, born May 16, 1875, son of the late Thomas Barret Hess. The ancestors of the branch of the Hess family from which he is descended long ago settled at Huntington, in Luzerne county, Pa. His

grandfather, Thomas Hess, was born at the old homestead in Fairmount township, that county, and farmed at Harveyville, in his native township. The family eventually moved to Berwick, Columbia county, where he died when eighty-eight years old. His children were: Nelson, who married Mary Dodson; Hannah, wife of Frank Brittain; Thomas Barret; and Jacob, who married Sarah Kline. Jacob went into the army during the Civil war and was never afterwards heard from.

Thomas Barret Hess was born December, 1847, and died March 29, 1913. He was found drowned in the Shickshinny outlet. Coming to Berwick, he had learned the molder's trade in the plant of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and followed it for a number of years in the same employ. Then he began the freighting business in the borough which he carried on about fifteen years, after which he worked in the woods for a while, and subsequently at the hotel at Shickshinny, Luzerne county, until his death. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and one of the substantial and respected residents of the borough. Politically his sympathies were with the Republican party. On Aug. 27, 1870, he was married, by Rev. James Dickson, to Margaret Alice Moyer, daughter of Silas E. and Rebecca Jane (Bower) Moyer, of Briar Creek, and the only child of this union is Harry Franklin.

Harry Franklin Hess had excellent school advantages in Berwick, attending the old Market Street Academy and the Third street high school. When he left school he commenced teaming on his own account in the borough, and did well at the business as long as he continued it. Then he entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, in the soft core shop, where he had charge of the sand screening under Superintendent William Cruikshank and Foreman William Scholes, remaining in that position about one year. For the two years following he was in the rolling mill under Jesse Hunsinger (foreman) and Joseph Catterall (superintendent), and then for a year he worked at Smith Brothers' match factory in Berwick. Returning to the employ of the American Car & Foundry Company, successors to the Jackson & Woodin Company, he was placed in the smith shop under John Fullon (foreman) and Superintendent William Boyles, changing after a time to the department looked after by Frank Faust and R. B. Carey, and he is now under Superintendent John B. Landis. Mr. Hess is considered a thoroughly reliable employee, and

he is highly regarded among all his friends and acquaintances in Berwick. He is a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246 I. O. O. F., and the Reliance Fire Company, No. 1, of which he had been chief, foreman, assistant foreman, and trustee. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church, in whose work he has an active interest; he is a member of the Ushers' Association. In politics he holds to the principles of the Progressive party.

On Nov. 29, 1895, Mr. Hess married Sadie Elizabeth Sitler, and they have had three children, born as follows: Lulu May Ona, May 16, 1898; Howard Chauncey, March 5, 1902; Margaret Alice, Aug. 18, 1906. Mrs. Hess has lived at Berwick since she was nine years old, received her education in the Market street school, and lived at home until her marriage. She is a member of Mary Frantz Lodge, No. 370, Daughters of Rebekah.

John Sitler, grandfather of Mrs. Hess, was born in Centre township, Columbia county, and had a farm of sixty acres there. While he lived on the farm he carried on shoemaking in connection with general agricultural pursuits for a period of twenty-one years. He married Elizabeth Dietterich.

Freeman Sitler, son of John, was born Feb. 9, 1837, and died Oct. 6, 1912, in his seventy-sixth year. He farmed in Centre township until twenty-seven years old, subsequently doing general teaming and freighting on his own account, at Fowlerville, Columbia county, where he also carried on a coal business. Though most of his time was given to his own affairs he served as road supervisor. Politically he was a Democrat, but a Union sympathizer during the Civil war, having enlisted in Company H, 199th Pennsylvania Volunteers; he was mustered in at Harrisburg. He belonged to the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church at Berwick and to the Capt. C. C. Jackson Post, No. 159, Grand Army of the Republic, of Berwick.

On Dec. 27, 1860, Mr. Sitler was united in marriage with Lucina Wright, who was born April 3, 1844, daughter of Jonas and Elizabeth (Smith) Wright, of Briar Creek, and died Nov. 20, 1909. The children of this union were as follows: Jonas M., born Aug. 17, 1861, married Ella Thomas; John H., born Aug. 14, 1864, married Sally Jacoby; Charles M., born Sept. 4, 1866, married Isabella Green; Simon W., born Jan. 28, 1869, married Pearl Gingham; Letitia Alverta, born Dec. 2, 1871, married John W. Polk; Sadie Elizabeth, born Aug. 10, 1874, married Harry F. Hess; Mattie Celeste, born Feb. 28, 1877, married Grier

Hixon, and died July 16, 1898 (she is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick); William R., born June 8, 1881, married Gertrude Phillips, of Danville, Pennsylvania.

AUSTIN L. HYSSONG has carried on a pottery business at Bloomsburg for over twenty years, during which time he has had to enlarge his original plant to accommodate the profitable trade he has built up in stoneware, stovepipe collars, flower pots and similar goods. His father, Elisha B. Hyssong, followed the same calling.

Elisha B. Hyssong was a native of Franklin county, Pa., and was there bound out in boyhood to learn the potter's trade, serving four years as an apprentice. Later he went to Cassville, Huntingdon Co., Pa., where he first worked as a journeyman, and there he married Rachel E. Green, a native of Huntingdon county. When he built a pottery of his own he had to clear the location, and that plant was carried on by the Hyssong family for nearly sixty-five years, Elisha B. Hyssong continuing to operate it until his death, in 1873, after which his son Bruce took it, running the business until the spring of 1912. Mr. Hyssong was a much esteemed citizen of his neighborhood, where he was very well known not only in his business relations but also because of his activity in politics, the administration of public affairs and church work. He was a justice of the peace for over twenty years, a staunch Republican in political sentiment, and a lifelong member of the M. E. Church, which he served officially for over forty years, being deacon, elder, class leader and Sunday school superintendent. In his prime he was a noted singer, and music afforded him one of his chief sources of enjoyment. He died beloved by all who knew him, and his wife, who still survives, continues to make her home at Cassville. Twelve children were born to their union, ten reaching maturity, namely: Annie, who is living in Pitcairn, Pa.; Jennie, now deceased; Martha, widow of Oliver Beaver, of Altoona, Pa.; Bell, at home with her mother; Margaret, married and living in Philadelphia; Austin L.; George, of Altoona, Pa., who became a potter (he is married); Bruce, also a potter, now engaged in the crucible factory at Philadelphia, who married Jennie Horton; Russell, who learned the potter's trade, now employed as a guard in the reformatory at Huntingdon; and Alice, who died unmarried.

Austin L. Hyssong was born Dec. 25, 1851, at Cassville, Huntingdon Co., Pa., where he

acquired a common school education in youth and early commenced to learn the potter's trade with his father, and he has always followed it. Remaining with him until he attained his majority, he then went to Lewistown, Pa., where he was located most of the time for the next twenty years, for several years running the Dipple pottery there. He was at Lewistown for the four years following his marriage, spent the next year at Petersburg, Pa., returned to Lewistown for two years, and then did business in Huntingdon for three years. Going back to Lewistown he formed a partnership with J. & C. Dipple, with whom he was associated four years. In 1891 he came to Bloomsburg and purchased from John Rehm the plant he has ever since operated. During his ownership it has been considerably enlarged, and many valuable improvements have been made in the property. Mr. Hyssong's patronage has been extended steadily, his wares being sold in various sections, and besides manufacturing he deals quite extensively in terra cotta sewerpipe, for which he has found a good demand in the local market. His substantial position in the community has come as a recognition of solid worth. Though his activities have not extended into public life he is well known, and like his father is a staunch Republican and an earnest member of the Lutheran Church, in whose work he is thoroughly interested, helping it along zealously. Socially he is a member of the P. O. S. of A., having belonged to the camp at Lewistown, No. 462, for over twenty years.

In 1875 Mr. Hyssong was married to Anna Margaret Dipple, daughter of John and Margaret (Peters) Dipple, of Germany. The father, who was a potter by trade, settled at Lewistown and operated a pottery there until his death, in 1872. He was killed while crossing the Pennsylvania railroad track, on his way to dig clay. His wife, who survived until 1903, ran the business he established for several years after his death. Mr. and Mrs. Dipple had six children: Anna Margaret, Mrs. Hyssong; Anna, widow of James Irwin, of Lewistown, Pa.; Ida, who married William Miller, of Lewistown; John, deceased, who was a potter and worked with his father; Andrew G. C., who owns the old pottery his father established at Lewistown; and Charles, who was formerly in the grocery and confectionery business, now a mail carrier at Lewistown.

Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hyssong: Charles has always worked as

a potter and is engaged with his father; John, a carpet weaver, now settled in Philadelphia, married Nettie Cashner, and they have four children, Robert, Martha, John and Ruth; Walter, who died when twenty-four years old, learned the trade of potter, but afterwards worked as a machinist at the locomotive works of the Standard Steel Company, at Burnham, Pa.; Irwin, a resident of Bloomsburg, who also learned the potter's trade, married Mary Beagle, and they have three children, Robert, Edna and Esther; Wilbur, who worked with his father in the pottery until twenty years old, and has been a machinist in the government employ at Washington, D. C., for the last two years, married Estella Knepp and has two children, Margaret and Estella.

**SAMUEL J. CONNER**, farmer and stock raiser of Centre township, Columbia county, was born on a farm in that township, Sept. 29, 1838, son of John and Sarah (Know) Conner.

John Conner, father of Samuel J. Conner, was born in Columbia county, Pa., of Irish descent. Reared to agricultural pursuits, he followed farming throughout his life in Briar-creek and Centre townships, and died at the age of fifty-six years, a successful and highly respected citizen. By his second wife, Sarah (Know), who was of German parentage, and lived to be seventy-seven years of age, he had eight children, as follows: Susan, deceased; Samuel J.; Joseph, deceased; Scott; Theodore; John, deceased; David W.; and one that died in infancy.

Samuel J. Conner, son of John Conner, received a public school education, and was reared to farming, which he has made his life work. He has been successful in his ventures because of his qualities of inherent ability, energy, enterprise and progressive ideas, and because he has at all times manifested a desire to keep his dealings honorable and aboveboard. At this time he is the owner of the finest property between Bloomsburg and Berwick, on the river.

Mr. Conner was married Dec. 25, 1862, to Elmira Fowler, who was born in Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of Gilbert H. Fowler, and to this union have been born eleven children, as follows: John G., a lumber dealer of Trenton, N. J., who married Carrie Sciple, of Easton, Pa.; W. Smith, of Madera, Cal., a farmer, who married Carrie Eickoff; Sarah May, wife of Charles Petty, of Medera, Cal., and the mother of three children; Frances C., of Renfrew, Butler Co., Pa., the

widow of Dr. L. Grove, and the mother of four children; Pierce Fowler, a lumber dealer, of Trenton, N. J., who married Letitia Scherr, and has four children; Martha Jane, librarian at State College, Center Co., Pa.; Ada Grace, of East Orange, N. J., wife of George Witmore, connected with the Westinghouse electric works; Susan, who died in infancy; Samuel Ray, a jeweler of Schenectady, N. Y.; who married Katherine M. Wadsworth; Arthur Bruce, who died of typhoid fever at the age of twenty-three years; and Stanley J., engaged in the lumber business with his brothers at Trenton, N. J., who married Genevieve Cole, of that place. The golden wedding anniversary of the parents was celebrated Christmas Day, 1912, when all of the children living were present, and it was also the occasion of the wedding of the youngest daughter. The family is connected with the Methodist Church. The father and all of his sons and sons-in-law are members of the Masonic fraternity.

**BRUCE A. KEPNER**, one of the substantial and respected citizens of Berwick, whose continuous association with one of the city's largest industrial concerns has covered a period of twenty-two years, was born Dec. 19, 1874, at Wapwallopen, Luzerne Co., Pa., and was educated there and in the Market street school at Berwick, under Professor Smith. His parents were James Harvey and Emma Frances (Frease) Kepner, and he is a grandson of Daniel and Leah (Christ) Kepner.

Daniel Kepner was born Jan. 9, 1825, in Perry county, near Newport, and died at Millerstown, Pa., at the home of his eldest son, in 1900. He was an Evangelical minister at Salem, Mt. Zion and surrounding points, and traveled over much of the country. He married Leah Christ, and their children were: James Harvey; Levi, who married Anna Black, now deceased and buried at Millerstown; Anna, wife of Charles Hass; John C., who married Lydia Myers (deceased) and (second) Ella Stackhouse; Daniel A., a minister, who married Jennie Hoch; Harriet, wife of Nicholas Frey; Norah, wife of Adam Stettman; William, who married Maria Shelley; Jacob, married to Mary Dweffler, and George, married to Mary Seeley.

James Harvey Kepner was born June 12, 1850, in Juniata county, Pa., and died March 4, 1889, in Berwick. After his school days he learned the carpenter's trade and worked in the powder mill at Wapwallopen. In 1882 he came to Berwick and entered the wood car

shop of the Jackson & Woodin plant, when William Faust was superintendent, retiring from active labor in 1888. He married Emma Frances Frease, born Oct. 17, 1853, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Sloyer) Freas, the Frease family coming from New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Kepner had children as follows: Bruce A.; Samuel F., who married Emma Kisner; and Laura Mabel, who married Adelbert R. Kingsbury. The parents were members of the Evangelical Church. The father was a Republican in politics and fraternally was connected with Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta, at Berwick.

Bruce A. Kepner began working when fifteen years of age, being employed through the summer in the soft foundry of the Jackson & Woodin plant, under William Scholes as foreman, C. H. Zehnder then being superintendent. When he was eighteen years old he entered the wheel foundry, under Superintendent William Fenstermacher, was transferred thence to the erecting shop of the steel freight car department, under D. W. Whelan, as superintendent, and at present is connected with the passenger coach department under Foreman Ray Deitterick and Superintendent L. E. Hess.

Mr. Kepner is interested in athletic sports and has taken part in many contests. He is known all over the State as a football enthusiast, having for six years played full back on the Berwick football team and other teams against the University of Susquehanna, Bucknell University, Wyoming Seminary and the Bloomsburg State Normal teams. In 1898 and 1899 he was squad captain and during the latter year the team was never defeated. His average weight is 184 pounds. He is almost as well known in baseball, having been catcher on the Berwick baseball team during the series of big games between his team and the Bloomsburg Normal and Wyoming Seminary teams. Clean, wholesome sports have always appealed to him as they generally do to the typical American young man.

In politics Mr. Kepner is a Progressive. He was reared in the Evangelical Church, while his wife is a Methodist. He belongs to the Grand Fraternity Life Insurance Company of Philadelphia, to Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A., at Berwick, and to Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.

In 1905 Mr. Kepner was married to Bertha Hess, daughter of Jacob Millick and Sarah (McKamey) Hess, and they have two children: Paul Hess, born Jan. 18, 1906; and Sarah Frances, born March 26, 1908.

Henry Hess, the grandfather of Mrs. Kepner, was born April 7, 1818, and died at Philadelphia Nov. 20, 1901. He was a carpenter, cabinetmaker and lumberman. His wife was Catherine Richart, a daughter of William and Nancy Richart, and they had four children: Thomas L., born July 2, 1842; William Richard, born May 12, 1845; Jacob M.; and Lloyd Benton, born Nov. 4, 1850. The last named occupies a very important position with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, attending to its real estate and repairs. From the grandfather on down the members of the Hess family have belonged to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Jacob Mellick Hess, son of Henry and father of Mrs. Kepner, was born April 20, 1847, at Port Carbon, Pa., where he had school privileges and afterwards learned the milling business. Subsequently he moved from Port Carbon to Beach Haven, and from there to Espy and finally to Berwick. Here he entered the plant of the Jackson & Woodin Company, where he continued until the age limit was reached, after which he was appointed a member of the police force maintained by the American Car & Foundry Company, successors of Jackson & Woodin. His death occurred April 10, 1910, and he is buried at Almedia. He married Sarah Jane McKamey, a daughter of Isaac and Mary (John) McKamey, and they had one daughter, Bertha, who became the wife of Bruce A. Kepner. Mr. Hess was a Republican in politics, and was associated with the Knights of Malta and with the Berwick Beneficial Association. While living at Espy he was librarian of the Lutheran Church.

HARRY S. BRINK, engaged in the baggage business at Bloomsburg, was born in that city, Nov. 16, 1874, son of Denison and Sabina (Raubt) Brink.

Benjamin Brink, grandfather of Harry S. Brink, was a farmer, and owned property at Fishingcreek, about two miles above Benton, Pa. He died upon his farm, and was buried at St. Gabriel's Church. Mr. Brink married a Miss Hess, and they had the following children: Lewis, John, Joshua (known as "Doc"), Clark, Denison, Mana, Libby and Angelina.

Denison Brink, or "Tanner" Brink, as he was familiarly known, son of Benjamin and father of Harry S. Brink, was born Aug. 16, 1837, near Benton, Pa., and as a lad came to Bloomsburg, where he was employed by a Mr. Snyder, with whom he learned the tan-

ning business. This he followed for many years, subsequently engaging in farming near Forks, Columbia county. On disposing of his property he returned to Bloomsburg and engaged in working at the molder's trade with Milton Hess, and later was employed at the "Central Hotel" stables. During the last five years of his life he lived in retirement. He was the owner of a fine property at Bloomsburg, which was divided between his children at the time of his demise. Mr. Brink was married Oct. 30, 1860, to Anna Maria Raubt, who was born Oct. 20, 1828, and died Nov. 8, 1867, aged thirty-nine years, nineteen days. She was the mother of two children: Alvaretta, who married George Girton and now lives in Bloomsburg; and Emma, who died in infancy. Mr. Brink's second marriage was to Sabina Raubt (a cousin of his first wife), who was born in 1840 and died Nov. 30, 1891, aged fifty-one years, eight months, one day. They had children as follows: Charles W., born March 20, 1869, now engaged in the livery business in Bloomsburg, who married Fannie S. Lee and has one daughter, Margaret Jane; Della, who married Josiah Bidelman and resides in Bloomsburg; and Harry S. The father of this family died Nov. 4, 1906, and was laid to rest beside his wives in Rosemont cemetery.

Harry S. Brink, son of "Tanner" Brink, was educated in the schools of Fishingcreek township and Bloomsburg. As a youth he gave evidence of his interest in horses and was employed for some time by Peter Bellmeyer, and later by Mrs. Hintershof. Subsequently he became the driver of a bakery wagon for Mrs. Mary Phillips, and following this was employed by R. C. Buckalew, who was the owner of a livery business. In September, 1907, Mr. Brink engaged in business on his own account, and since that time has become widely known among the traveling people, meeting all trains on the D. L. & W. railroad. He has built up an excellent business, and is known to be thoroughly reliable and trustworthy. He owns a comfortable residence at No. 17 East Third street, and by his industry and good management has placed himself in independent circumstances.

Mr. Brink was married to Lynda Myers, daughter of Nicholas N. and Harriet (Hutchinson) Myers, and they have children as follows: Miriam C., a member of the class of 1915, Bloomsburg high school; Charles Denison; Josiah William, and Nicholas. Mr.

Brink is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle and the Knights of the Macca-bees. In political matters he is a Republican, and the family religious connection is with the Reformed Church.

Nicholas Myers, the grandfather of Mrs. Brink, was a sea captain, owned two ships, the "Sunrise" and the "Sunset," and was widely and favorably known in his home city of Baltimore. By his wife Susan he had children as follows: Margaret, Mary, Anna Mary, Eleanora and Nicholas N.

Nicholas N. Myers, son of Nicholas, and father of Mrs. Brink, was born in the city of Baltimore, Md., and after the death of his father, when he was still a small child, accompanied his mother to Columbia county, Pa. Subsequently he lived at Washingtonville, Montour Co., Pa.; where he followed carpentering and cabinetmaking, but his death occurred at Bloomsburg, Feb. 3, 1909, and he was buried in Rosemont cemetery. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Susan, who married Henry Halderman; Anna M., who married Harry Williams; Lynda, who became Mrs. Brink; Cora G., who married Frank Evans; Bessie, who became the wife of Cleveland Keller; and William, Tillie, Lillie, Eleanora and a son unnamed, all of whom are deceased.

THEODORE C. HARTER, M. D., of Bloomsburg, Pa., stands high in his profession and is known as a man of remarkable business ability as well. He is of German descent, and was born Nov. 10, 1851, in Nescopeck, Pa., son of Jacob and Margaret (Dietrich) Harter.

Martin Harter, the Doctor's great-grandfather, came to America with his older brother from Rotterdam, Holland, about the time of the Revolutionary war, and was ordered to fight in the British army, but refused. The family became sharply divided on the question of independence, Martin and Jacob entering the service of the Colonies and Michael taking the side of the British. So embittered did Michael become at his brothers' action that he later made a will appointing the English crown as trustee of his property for ninety-nine years, thus depriving the surviving brothers from participation in the division of the estate. The children of Martin Harter were: Martin, Jacob and Michael.

Martin Harter, the grandfather of Dr. Harter, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., and was a successful farmer there, owning a large tract of land. Moving to Nescopeck township, Lu-



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zern county, he bought a farm of 600 acres, which he cultivated until his death. He married Catherine, daughter of Jacob Bittenbender, and their children were: Jacob married Margaret Dietrich; John married Lydia Radler and is buried at Shaffer Church, Nescopeck; Lydia, wife of George Karshner, is buried near the Turnpike Church, Nescopeck; Martin left home with a horse to sell and has never since been heard from; Elizabeth, wife of Samuel Miller, is buried at Shaffer Church; Michael lived at Briarcreek, Columbia Co., Pa., followed boating on the Pennsylvania canal, and was injured on the canal at the foot of the thirteen-mile level, one mile from Northumberland, dying three weeks later, Sept. 21, 1867 (he was buried in Berwick cemetery); Samuel married Eliza Bloss, and is buried in the Shaffer Church yard. Martin Harter, father of this family, is buried at Wapwall-open, Luzerne county. He was an old-time Whig, and an elder in the Lutheran Church.

Jacob Harter, father of Dr. Harter, was born Nov. 25, 1809, in Nescopeck township, attended the subscription schools of the time, and worked on the farm with his father. Later he took up the work of stonemason, and in time became extensively engaged in lumbering, his sawmill in Luzerne county being considered one of the largest in the Commonwealth. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served about nine months, until he received a wound at the battle of Yorktown which incapacitated him for further service and resulted in his honorable discharge. In 1863 he married Margaret, daughter of John and Catherine Dietrich, and they had fourteen children: (1) Martin married Hester Larish, who is buried at Otsego, Mich., and he lives in Plainville, Mich. (2) Jacob married Fannie Shelley and (second) Mrs. Anna Creasy, lived at Mifflinville, Columbia county, and is buried in Berwick cemetery. (3) Aaron married Martha Keen, lived in Nescopeck, and died Oct. 23, 1914; he is buried in Berwick cemetery, and his funeral services were conducted in the church whose cornerstone he had laid. On Aug. 24, 1862, he enlisted at Harrisburg for three years' service in the Union army, served until Lee surrendered, and was discharged at Bladensburg, Md., in 1865, returning home in the fall of that year. As a member of Company F, 147th Pennsylvania Infantry, he fought at Loudon's Heights, Bolivar Heights, Dumfries and Aqua Creek, was at Chancellorsville, with General Thomas at Chickamauga, stood guard on the

outermost post at Lookout Mountain, was in the charge up Missionary Ridge and participated in the capture of nearly a whole Confederate brigade, at Gettysburg, followed Sherman on his march to the sea, and returned to Raleigh, N. C., when word of Lee's surrender came. (4) Catherine died young. (5) John H., who married Elizabeth Bond, lives in Nescopeck. (6) Lucinda married William Kester and (second) Albert Smith, and died at Bloomsburg Dec. 24, 1913; she is buried at Muskegon, Mich. (7) Sarah M. died in youth. (8) Hannah, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Smith. She is buried in Stillwater churchyard, Columbia county. (9) Esther E., who married Thomas Bond and (second) William Gottschall, resides in Berwick. (10) Delila died at the age of twenty-six years, and is buried at Shaffer's Church. (11) Dr. Theodore C. married Martha A. Snyder. (12) Margaret A., wife of Stephen Miller, lives at Conshohocken. (13) Mary A., wife of William E. Patterson, is living at Nescopeck. (14) Ammon Luther, who married Mattie Rough, lived at Nanticoke, Pa., died at the age of forty-four years, and is buried at Berwick.

Jacob Harter was first a Republican, but later became independent in politics. He was supervisor of Nescopeck township for a number of years, and was an elder in the Lutheran Church. He is buried at Shaffer Church, Nescopeck.

Theodore C. Harter obtained his preliminary education in the public schools of Nescopeck township and supplemented these studies by courses in Dickinson Academy and the State Normal at Bloomsburg. Having decided on the profession of medicine, he became a student under Dr. B. F. Gardner, then one of the foremost physicians and surgeons in Columbia county, in whose office he laid the foundations of his successful career. He graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Baltimore, Md., in 1881, with the degree of M. D., and immediately began active practice in his native town. Later he moved to Bloomsburg, where he since has been permanently located.

In the general practice of his profession Dr. Harter has not only achieved a high degree of success, but he has established a reputation which extends far beyond his immediate locality. Of late years he has made a specialty of throat, heart and lung diseases, and has been remarkably successful in these lines. He was a candidate for recorder in 1899, and in 1910 was a candidate for Congress, lacking

only a few votes of being elected. In 1900 he was elected physician of the Bloomsburg Alms Hospital, which position he has filled with ability and satisfaction to all.

Dr. Harter's success and reputation as a physician are equaled by his prominence as an enterprising business man and public-spirited citizen. He is extensively interested in real estate, owning several houses in Bloomsburg, including the handsome brick residence in which he lives. In 1901 he was elected president of the Keystone Copper and Mining Company, which owns a large tract of rich mineral land in New Mexico, the mine being within fifteen miles of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad. At the main office in Bloomsburg the company has some very rich specimens of minerals taken from its mines. Dr. Harter is the promoter of a new process of smelting ore by natural draft, using crude oil for fuel, and also of a process of smelting ore by electricity.

Personally Dr. Harter is popular among all classes and enjoys a wide acquaintance. He bears a remarkable resemblance of General Grant in size, weight and general appearance, is a man of geniality and keen sense of humor. By his integrity of character he has always retained the confidence and respect of the community. He is a past master of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg, a Royal Arch Mason, and a member of Calwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons; is a member of the I. O. H., the P. O. S. of A., the Sons of Veterans and the Jr. O. U. A. M. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religion a Lutheran. In 1881 Dr. Harter was united in marriage to Martha A., daughter of Daniel Snyder, of Bloomsburg, Columbia county. They have no children.

CHESTER FRANKLIN CRISPELL, a mason in the employ of the American Car & Foundry Company, at West Berwick, was born July 8, 1869, at Bowman Creek, Wyoming Co., Pa., son of Severn B. Crispell, grandson of William Henry Crispell and great-grandson of Thomas Crispell.

The Crispells are a New York Dutch family of ancient origin, and from the New York Genealogical and Historical Record (Volume XXI, Pages 83-86, New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, established at No. 226 West Fifty-eighth street, New York city) is taken the following regarding the Crispell family of Ulster county, N. Y., by Thomas G. Evans:

Artois, an ancient province of France, now comprising a portion of the Department of Pas-de-Calais, lies in the extreme northern part of the country, near the borders of Belgium. It is a fertile and well watered tract, producing grain and hops, and has much rich pasture land. In the middle of the seventeenth century it was greatly harassed by the long and devastating wars of the Fronde, and many of its inhabitants, chiefly small farmers, were forced to emigrate. The majority of these went to Mannheim, in the Lower Palatinate, among them being a stalwart young farmer, Antoine Crepel, or, as the name is now spelled, Anthony Crispell. In Mannheim Crispell married Marie, daughter of Mathew Blanshan, another refugee from France, and soon afterward—April 27, 1660—set sail with his young wife and his father-in-law for the New World, in the ship "Gilded Otter." On arriving at New Amsterdam they proceeded immediately to the little village of Esopus, then just struggling into renewed existence after the Indian war and massacre of 1659. Here they settled and took up land. On May 2, 1661, after the village had been enlarged by Stuyvesant, Crispell was allotted No. 12 of the new lots into which the added part was laid out, though he did not build there, but removed to the New Village—afterward called Hurley—a short distance southwest of Esopus. On June 7, 1663, when the Indians destroyed the New Village and nearly succeeded in surprising and massacring the inhabitants of Esopus, the wife and infant daughter of Crispell were carried into captivity, but were soon rescued. On June 17, 1666, Crispell was granted a parcel of land "near unto the New Village"; in 1670 he was granted sixteen acres in Hurley. On April 5, 1670, he was one of the Hurley soldiers appointed to be present at the rendezvous at Marbletown, a village then recently laid out some distance beyond Hurley. In 1677 Crispell, Abram Hasbrouck, Hugo Freer, and other French Huguenots to the number of twelve, were granted a large and fertile tract of land lying some miles south of Esopus, to which they gave the name of New Paltz, in honor of the Pfalz (or Palatinate), the hospitable region which had given them shelter in time of need. Crispell, however, seems never to have lived in the new settlement, but remained at Hurley, on his farm. His wife, Marie Deyo, having died, he married about 1680 Petronella La Man, or De Mon (the name is spelled both ways in the records). Her, too, he survived, and after her death,

having divided most of his property among his children, he spent the remainder of his days with his daughter Maria Magdalena, the wife of Mattys Slecht. His will, dated Nov. 6, 1707, and probated June 10, 1708 (thus showing that he died between those two dates), was written in Dutch and is recorded in the Ulster county clerk's office in Book AA, Page 425.

Children of Anthony Crispell and "Maria" Blanshan:

(1) Mary Magdalena, baptized Feb. 12, 1662, married Mattys Slecht (Sleight), Tryntze Tyssen Bos. Children: Maria Magdalena, baptized Aug. 28, 1681; Tryntje, baptized Jan. 27, 1684 (married March 5, 1704, Mattys Mattysen Van Keuren, baptized April 24, 1681, son of Mattys Mattysen Van Keuren and Raatje DeWitt); Mattys, baptized June 13, 1686 (married Catalyntje Kip, daughter of Hendrick Kip and Anna Janse Van Patten); Cornelius, baptized Sept. 7, 1683 (died young); Antony, baptized May 25, 1690 (married Nov. 1, 1715, Meeltje Bogaard, baptized Jan. 9, 1695, daughter of Hendrick Bogaard and Janetje Martens); Jan, baptized Nov. 11, 1694 (married Aug. 6, 1716, Elizabeth Smedes, baptized Nov. 1, 1696, daughter of Benjamin Smedes and Magdalena Louw); Cornelius, baptized Oct. 10, 1697; Petrus, baptized Sept. 21, 1701; Hendricus, baptized Dec. 22, 1706 (married Jan. 3, 1736, Sara Kierstede, baptized Sept. 8, 1704, daughter of Hans Kierstede and Ariaantje Tappan).

(2) Pieter, baptized Dec. 21, 1664, married Meeltje Gerritse Newkirk, daughter of Gerrit Cornelissen Newkirk and Hendrickje Paulus. He died in 1695 or 1696, and his widow married Feb. 18, 1697, Johannes Schepmoes, baptized April 7, 1672, son of Dirck Janse Schepmoes and Maria Willems. Children: Anthony, baptized April 17, 1692 (married Sept. 11, 1719, Lea Roosa, baptized Sept. 11, 1698, daughter of Hyman Aldertse Roosa and Anna Margaret Rosevelt); Ariantje, baptized June 3, 1694; Johannes, baptized Oct. 27, 1695 (married Dec. 15, 1725, Anna Margaret Roosa, baptized Dec. 22, 1706, daughter of Aldert R. and Aagie Krom; one of his descendants was the late Dr. Peter Crispell, for many years a well known physician of Ulster county).

(3) Lysbet, baptized Oct. 3, 1666, died young.

(4) Lysbet (2), baptized Oct. 15, 1668, married Elias Eau. Children: Mary, baptized Aug. 8, 1697; Jan, baptized Feb. 18, 1700 (married Feb. 9, 1735, Geertje Roosa,

of Marbletown); Mary Magdalena, baptized April 5, 1702; Elizabeth, baptized April 15, 1705 (married Sept. 19, 1731, Marinus Van Aken); and Sara, baptized Feb. 11, 1709.

(5) Sara, baptized June 18, 1671, married Huybert Suylandt. Children: Marie, baptized Sept. 18, 1692; Cathrynte, April 5, 1696; Leona, Aug. 14, 1698; Johannes, July 20, 1701; Elizabeth, May 7, 1710.

(6) John, baptized July 21, 1674, married May 25, 1701, Geertje Janse Roosa, probably daughter of Jan Roosa and Hillegond Van Buren. Children: Marytje, baptized March 15, 1702, married (first) April 28, 1725, Jacob Heermans, baptized Feb. 2, 1701, son of Jan H. and Annatje Van Vagenen, and (second) Dirck Van Vliet, baptized Jan. 1, 1701, son of Dirck Van Vliet and Annatje Andriesse; Hillegond, born April 17, 1704, died Feb. 22, 1774, married Feb. 26, 1726, Abraham Van Wagenen, born Feb. 5, 1699, died June 7, 1787, son of Jacob Aartsen Van Wagenen and Sara Pels; Rebecca, baptized March 17, 1706, died young; Antoinne, baptized Oct. 12, 1707, married Catrina Van Banthuysen; Helena, baptized May 7, 1710, married April 4, 1731, Tewniss Van Steenberg, baptized April 17, 1702, son of Mattys Jansen Van Steenberg and Marritje Tavinisse Ellison; Jan, baptized Sept. 21, 1712, married (first) Dec. 10, 1736, Sara Jansen, of Marbletown, daughter of Thomas Jansen and Maylee Bogard, and (second) Dec. 29, 1753, Dorothea Maria Kraft, born in Germany, living in Shandaken (Jan Crispell settled in Shokan about 1747); Rebecca was baptized April 7, 1717; Petrus, Jan. 24, 1720; Sara, Nov. 26, 1721.

Children by the second wife, Petronella:

(7) Jannetje, baptized June 4, 1682, died young.

(8) Jean, baptized Oct. 12, 1684, died young.

(9) Jannetje, baptized Feb. 7, 1686, married Dec. 30, 1704, Nicholas Hoffman, son of Martinus Hoffman and Emmerentje DeWitt. Seven children: Martinus, baptized March 17, 1706 (married, 1733, Tryntje Benson, daughter of Robert Benson and Cornelia Roos); Antje, baptized Feb. 11, 1709; Anthony, baptized March 18, 1711 (married Jan. 6, 1738, Catrina Van Gaasbeck); Zacharias, baptized Dec. 6, 1713; Petrus, baptized Dec. 22, 1716; Hendricus, baptized June 7, 1719; Annatjen, baptized Dec. 3, 1721.

Thomas Crispell, great-grandfather of Chester Franklin Crispell, was born Sept. 10, 1795, and came from New York State to cen-

tral Pennsylvania, locating in either Wyoming or Luzerne county, and continued his agricultural operations, having been a farmer in his old home. On Dec. 24, 1815, he married Sarah Weckes, by whom he had the following children: William Henry, born Dec. 20, 1816; Mary Eliza, Feb. 8, 1819; Gity Mariah, Feb. 22, 1821; Solomon Stites, Sept. 4, 1823. The mother, born April 20, 1795, died Sept. 12, 1823, and was buried before Mr. Crispell left New York. On Feb. 10, 1825, he married Emilia Devoe, who was born April 20, 1806, and they had children born as follows: John Devoe, Feb. 5, 1826 (died Feb. 15, 1859); Sarah Jane, Sept. 13, 1828; Abraham, Dec. 17, 1831 (died Dec. 18, 1831); Phoebe Catharine, April 3, 1834; Rachel Ann, April 28, 1837; a son, April 5, 1839 (died April 23, 1839); Samuel C., May 11, 1841 (died May 26, 1841); Charles Thomas, Aug. 12, 1842; George, May 19, 1845 (died June 11, 1846). Thomas Crispell, the father, died Dec. 22, 1861, and was buried at Orcutt's Grove, in Wyoming county.

William Henry Crispell, son of Thomas, was born in Ulster county, N. Y., and until twelve years prior to his death was engaged in farming. His death occurred near Harvey's Lake, Luzerne Co., Pa., July 22, 1902, in his eighty-sixth year. His first wife was Sarah Wright, daughter of John Wright, and their children were: Severn B., who is mentioned below; Ziba (deceased), who married Nina Dexter, and lived at Sweet Valley, Luzerne Co., Pa.; Gertrude, now the widow of Hamilton Honeywell; and Mary, who married Pulaski Kocher, of Harvey's Lake. When the mother of this family died, she was buried at Orcutt's Grove. The second wife of William Henry Crispell was Priscilla Honeywell, widow of Neeley Honeywell, and their children were: John, who married Catherine Moore, lives at Dallas, Luzerne Co., Pa.; William, who married Lilly May, of Harvey's Lake; Correy, who married Carrie Turner (deceased), lives at No. 153 Beach street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Mrs. Priscilla Crispell is also deceased, and lies by the side of her first husband at Dallas, Pa., while Mr. Crispell is buried at Orcutt's Grove. He was a Democrat in politics, while in religious matters he was a Baptist.

Severn B. Crispell, son of William Henry Crispell, was born at Dallas, Luzerne Co., Pa., April 9, 1848. His entire life has been spent in rural districts and he has devoted his mature years to farming, now owning a property of 100 acres near Noxen, Pa., where he carries

on general farming. He married Eunice Harris, a daughter of James Harris and they have had children as follows: Chester Franklin is mentioned below; James, who married Ann Brown, lives at Noxen, Pa.; Sarah married Charles Smith, of Noxen, Pa.; Frederick married Olive Miner, and (second) Daisy Kocher, and lives at Noxen, Pa.; Elmer, who married Margaret Jones and (second) Delia Ide, lives at Noxen; George, who married Marian Walton, lives at South Run, Wyoming Co., Pa.; Ira, who lives at Kingston, Luzerne Co., Pa., married Olive Traver; Albert, who married Bertha Jones, lives at Newberry; Grace, who married William Race, lives at Newberry. Mrs. Crispell died and was buried at Orcutt's Grove, and Mr. Crispell married (second) Mrs. Lydia (Newberry) Race, widow of David Race, and daughter of Chauncey Newberry, whose wife was a Van Allen. One child, Floyd, has been born of this marriage, and he is now engaged in farming on his father's land; he married Edna Monroe.

Severn B. Crispell is a Democrat, and has served as a school director and supervisor for many years. He was a member of the Beaumont Lodge of Odd Fellows, but is no longer connected with that order. Mrs. Crispell is a member of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Chester Franklin Crispell grew to manhood on his father's farm, and attended school at Beaumont until he was sixteen years old. He served a three years' apprenticeship at the mason's trade with Joseph Anderson, of Luzerne county, and followed this trade during the summer, working in a tannery in the wintertime for seven years. Mr. Crispell then went to Wyoming county and continued working at his trade and on a farm in that county for some time. On March 17, 1903, he came to Berwick, and found work as a mason, with different contractors, among them such well known men as William Krug and Mr. Fahringer. For the last five years Mr. Crispell has been in the employ of the American Car & Foundry Company, under E. M. Kocher. Politically Mr. Crispell is a Democrat. Formerly a member of the Methodist Protestant Church at West Berwick, he was treasurer of its boards of trustees; he and his wife are now members of the West Berwick United Evangelical Church.

Chester F. Crispell married Clara Anderson, a daughter of Joseph and Matilda (Heffner) Anderson, and they had one son, Bruce Belles, born Oct. 20, 1891, who married Ger-

trude Hoover and lives at Laketon, Luzerne Co., Pa. After the death of his first wife Mr. Crispell married (second) Annie Eveline Harris, daughter of Clark and Elizabeth Emillia (Thompson) Harris. Mrs. Crispell was born at Noxen, Wyoming Co., Pa., April 20, 1875, and was there educated, remaining at home until her marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Crispell have had the following children: Clinton Crandall, born Aug. 15, 1895; Thomas B., born Aug. 14, 1896; Viola Arvilla, born Sept. 20, 1898; and Clara Edith, born Jan. 7, 1903.

Clark Harris, the father of Mrs. Crispell, born March 20, 1846, at Mahoopy, Wyoming Co., Pa., and there educated. He owned and operated a farm of 100 acres at that place, and there he died Sept. 10, 1883; he is buried in the Bowman Creek cemetery, in Wyoming county. His wife, Elizabeth Emillia Thompson, born Sept. 7, 1855, now lives at Noxen, Pa. They had but one child, Mrs. Crispell. Mr. Harris was a Democrat, but did not aspire to public office. In religious faith he was a Methodist.

FREDERICK WILLIAM BUSH has been connected with the Berwick Store Company since his arrival in the borough in 1896, at present being at the head of the clothing department. His experience in merchandising covers all his business life, and his abilities are appreciated by the firm in whose service his best years have been spent. Mr. Bush is of English birth, and his ancestors for several generations have been engaged in this line of work.

John Bush, his grandfather, was born in England and did business at Pennard, Somersetshire, all his life, being a merchant tailor. He had all the best trade in his locality. His children were: Herbert, Charles, Jane (Mrs. John Bennett, of Bristol, England, who died Jan. 13, 1902, aged sixty-five years); and Thomas Tabor.

Thomas Tabor Bush was born at Pennard and like his father became a merchant tailor, establishing himself in business at Timsbury, in Somersetshire. In the year 1894 he came to America and located in West Pittston, Luzerne Co., Pa., he and his son Frederick carrying on a clothing business at East Pittston under the firm name of Thomas T. Bush & Son. Mrs. Bush dying Feb. 17, 1894, Mr. Bush retired shortly thereafter and returned to Bristol, England, where he died. He and his wife, Mary Coward, born April 5, 1844, were married in Pennard and lived at Tims-

bury until they came to America. They had three children, Herbert Henry, Emily Fania, and Frederick William. The eldest son, born Nov. 19, 1869, is engaged as superintendent by the T. W. Wall Company, London, purveyors; his wife's name is Carrie. Miss Emily Fania Bush, born Feb. 11, 1870, is matron in full charge of the Queen Elizabeth hospital at Bristol, England, a boys' orphanage supported by the city; it has been in existence for two hundred years. Mr. Bush was a Liberal in politics and an ardent admirer of Mr. Gladstone. He belonged to the Congregational Church and to the I. O. O. F. in England.

James Coward, father of Mrs. Bush, came from Timsbury, and followed general farming. His five children were: George, who married, is buried at Pittston, Pa. (his wife's name was Mary); Henry, who married Carrie Underwood, of Pittston, is buried at Fortyfort, Luzerne Co., Pa. (he was traveling salesman for a house which dealt in imported dry goods); John was killed in the mines at Timsbury, England, and is buried at that place; Martha married Henry Brimble, deceased, who was in the harness business at East Pittston, Pa.; Mary was the wife of Thomas Tabor Bush.

Frederick William Bush, son of Thomas Tabor Bush and Mary (Coward) Bush, was born Feb. 25, 1871, in Timsbury, Somersetshire, England, and had the ordinary educational advantages of the vicinity, attending Laurel Cottage Academy, a private school. In 1888 he came to this country, and locating at West Pittston, in Luzerne county, Pa., was there for eight years, eventually engaging in the clothing business with his father as already related. Upon his father's return to England he went to Scranton, Pa., as salesman in a dry goods house, where he remained three years, in 1896 coming to Berwick as dry goods salesman for the Berwick Store Company. That year the establishment became a regular department store, and Mr. Bush was given charge of the clothing department and shoes; he now devotes all his time to the clothing department, which under his efficient management has become one of the most important in the store. His natural ability has been developed by thorough training, and he has conscientiously given his earnest efforts to building up this branch of the business under his care, with results highly satisfactory to his employers. Aside from his business he has become very favorably known in Berwick through his activities in furthering the temperance cause especially, though all good move-

ments have his sympathy and support. As secretary of the Anti-Saloon League he has been a prominent worker against the liquor traffic. He is a member of the Y. M. C. A. and has been on the board of directors for ten years. A leading member of the Presbyterian Church, he is vice president of its board of trustees and has been serving with that body fourteen years. Fraternally he belongs to Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., and his political support is given to the Republican party.

On June 17, 1896, Mr. Bush married Mary Nelson Williams, who was born April 27, 1873, at Danville, Pa., has lived in Berwick since 1878, and graduated from the high school in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Bush were the first couple to be married in the new First Presbyterian Church at Berwick, Rev. George H. Stevens, pastor. They have had two children: Dorothy Thornton, born Nov. 23, 1897, who died May 4, 1899, and is buried in the Williams family plot in Pine Grove cemetery; and Richard Tabor, born Dec. 15, 1904.

Mrs. Bush's grandfather, John T. Williams, came to this country from England, where he was born and reared, and was engaged in the iron business. His wife's maiden name was Maybury, and their children were: William Maybury, Maria Elizabeth, John Thomas, Sarah Ann (married George Kinn), Mary Eliza, Joseph Henry, James Knox Polk, Richard H., and Emma Jane.

Richard H. Williams was born April 11, 1847, at Haverstraw, N. Y. He came to Danville, Pa., when the family settled there, and here his early years were spent. Upon reaching manhood he worked in the rolling mills there and at Harrisburg, and in 1873 came to Berwick, where he helped to build and start the rolling mills. Returning to Danville for a time, he came back to Berwick in 1877, and was engaged in the same capacity there. His death occurred Oct. 7, 1891. By his marriage to Hannah Thornton, born in 1845, who survived until Nov. 14, 1913, he had the following children: William Edwin; Walter, who died young and is buried at Harrisburg; Mary Nelson, Mrs. F. W. Bush; Gertrude, Mrs. C. C. Paden; and Rozella B., Mrs. Robert Allen Carse, of Berwick. The father was a member of the Episcopal Church, the mother a Presbyterian in religious connection. He belonged to the Knights of Malta and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, being a charter member of both lodges at Berwick, and was associated with the Democratic party on political issues.

HARVEY LEWIS CREASY, who operates a cleaning and dyeing establishment at the "Creasy Hotel," Mifflinville, Pa., was born in that place, March 13, 1872. On his father's side he is descended from the noble Creasy family of England, and on his mother's side from a family of German emigrants who came here in the early days of colonization and settlement of Columbia county.

Sir Edward Creasy came from England during the founding of the settlements in Pennsylvania and was granted a large estate by the king. One of his descendants was David Creasy, who came to Columbia county and settled in the Catawissa valley, where he owned a large farm. Shortly before his death in 1872 he moved to Mifflin township. He reached the age of seventy-two years.

Stephen Creasy, father of H. Lewis Creasy and son of David Creasy, was a cabinetmaker and followed that occupation all of his life. He resided for a short time in Berwick, but during most of his life was a citizen of Mifflinville, where he died March 4, 1900. His wife, Barbara Frantz, who died in 1878, was a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, whence she, her mother and eleven brothers and sisters came to America, the father having died in the Fatherland. To Stephen Creasy and his wife were born six children: Anna, wife of John Bastuscheck, of Mifflinville; Eli, deceased; George E.; M. Clymer, proprietor of the "Creasy Hotel"; H. Lewis; and one child that died in infancy.

H. Lewis Creasy attended the schools of Mifflinville, and after graduation went to Wilkes-Barre to enter the manufacturing business. He remained in that city ten years and then went to Harrisburg, for two years serving an apprenticeship at the business of cleaning and dyeing according to the most modern methods. For a time he resided in Shenandoah, Pa., and then opened a cleaning and dye shop in Hazleton, Pa. He carried on the establishment for four years and then came to Mifflinville and bought the stand where he is now located in the "Creasy Hotel." The building is one of the oldest in this part of the State, having been erected over one hundred years ago.

Mr. Creasy was married Sept. 23, 1903, to Teresa Coakley, daughter of Thomas and Anna (Dormedy) Coakley, both her parents being deceased. They were natives of Ireland. Mrs. Coakley's mother, Mrs. Catherine Dormedy, lived to the great age of 117 years. Mrs. Creasy was born April 7, 1872, in Pottsville, Pa., and had the following brothers and

sisters: Catherine, of Shenandoah, Pa.; Patrick, of Shenandoah, who was killed in the mines; Maria, wife of James Carroll, of Shenandoah; Savina, deceased; Celia, wife of William Broderick, of Shenandoah; Annie, wife of Matthew Leary, of Norristown; Malena, wife of Austin Gahan, of Shenandoah; Thomas, of Shenandoah; Elizabeth, wife of James Smith, of Shenandoah; Sarah, wife of John Pursel, of Shenandoah. Mrs. Creasy and two of her sisters were school teachers before their marriage; she taught for ten years in Shenandoah.

To Mr. and Mrs. Creasy have been born three children: George E., July 26, 1904; John C., June 14, 1906; and Lewis F., March 8, 1908. Mr. Creasy is a member of the B. P. O. Elks Lodge, No. 1138, of Berwick, and Washington Camp, No. 684, P. O. S. of A. Mrs. Creasy is a faithful attendant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at Berwick.

OLIVER E. EVANS, retired molder, of Berwick, Pa., now devoting his time to market gardening, was born in Evansville, Columbia county, March 31, 1860. He is a son of William, grandson of Ephraim and great-grandson of James Evans, all natives of Pennsylvania.

James Evans came from Bethlehem, Pa., to Evansville, Columbia county, and took up a large tract of land. He built the first log mill in the village, which was later replaced by a larger one, the latter still standing, and in use as a dwelling. He ran the largest overshot wheel in Columbia county. Altogether he built twenty-three of the largest of the old mills in the county. He married a daughter of Ezra Hess, of Fishingcreek, and their children were: George; James; Ephraim, who married Nancy Evans; Mary Elizabeth, wife of Solomon Bower; Ann, wife of George Zehner; and William. Mr. Evans died in 1829, and he and his wife are buried at the Old Stone Church in Briarcreek township.

Ephraim Evans was born June 21, 1796, in Evansville, attended the schools of the village, and learned the trade of millwright. He died Dec. 21, 1873. He married Nancy Evans, of Catawissa, and they are buried in the Evansville cemetery. They had these children: Elizabeth, wife of William Yohe; Susanna, wife of Samuel Hagenbuch; Oliver, who married Margaret Webb; Mary, wife of William Dietterich; Lucinda, wife of Joseph Lilly; and William, who married Clarinda Lockhard.

William Evans was born in Evansville, July 16, 1828, and died there Feb. 20, 1904. He was educated in the public schools of Evansville

and followed the trade of miller. On Nov. 24, 1861, he enlisted in Company E, 152d Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, and served three years and twenty-four days. He was at the battle of the James river, and was commissary sergeant at Fortress Monroe. In 1864 he returned to Evansville, and followed the occupations of wood sawing and milling until 1876, when he retired to his farm, dying there in 1904. His wife, Clarinda (Lockhard), died when over sixty-six years old, and they are buried in Pine Grove cemetery. Their children were: Almira, wife of James Rouck; Lunetta, wife of Wesley Brobst; Jennie, wife of Samuel Heller; John E., who married Cora Belford; Oliver E.; Mary, wife of John Harmon; and Ephraim, Lizzie and Katie, all of whom died young.

Oliver E. Evans attended the schools of Briarcreek and worked on the farm up to the age of eighteen years. Then in the summer of 1878 he secured employment on the farm of M. L. Housenick. In 1879 he went to Bloomsburg and entered the foundry of G. M. & J. K. Lockhard, to learn the trade of molder, remained with the firm for seven years, and then moved to the Lockhard farm in Scott township, which he operated for three years. Returning to Berwick in the spring of 1889, he worked as molder eleven years for the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Co., after which he held the position of rural mail carrier for two years. In 1904 Mr. Evans erected a greenhouse in Berwick, and has since devoted all of his time to plant growing and market gardening, utilizing to the fullest capacity his limited plat of eight acres.

On Feb. 8, 1882, Mr. Evans married Emma J. Brooks, of Bloomsburg, born Feb. 4, 1858, daughter of Benjamin F. and Mary (Walters) Brooks, of Frosty Valley. They have had one child, Jennie May, born Feb. 24, 1883, who married Allen Edgar Smith. Mr. Evans is a Democrat in politics, but formerly supported Prohibition principles. He is a member of the International Bible Students' Association, of the Berwick Beneficial Association, and of Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A., having held membership in the latter organization for twenty-four years; he has been president of the camp twice.

FRANK BAKER, D. D. S., one of the most successful dentists of Bloomsburg, Pa., and a progressive citizen of that borough, was born Jan. 7, 1881, in Espy, Scott township, Columbia county. He is a son of G. M. Baker and his wife, Margaret A. (Creveling). The father was born at Espy, Columbia



county, and married Margaret A., daughter of Eli and Jane (Heidlay) Creveling. They had children as follows: Harry, Creveling, Mary, Frank, and Eli A. Mrs. Margaret A. (Creveling) Baker was born in Espy, and after receiving a common school education attended Wyoming Seminary. She then remained at home until her marriage to G. M. Baker.

Thomas Creveling was a farmer of Scott township, residing near Espy. He married Elizabeth Ruckle, and they had nine children: Eli is mentioned below; Isaac, who married Rebecca Hagenbuch, died in 1884; Eliza, wife of Harry Trembly, died in 1879; Rebecca and John, died in infancy; Lavina, wife of H. L. Gearhart, died in 1875; Thomas, Jr., died unmarried in 1881; Alfred married Mary M. Worman, and lived in Harrisburg; George W., a merchant of Afton, married Frances M. Millard.

Eli Creveling was born in Scott township and followed the vocation of farmer until his death in 1866. He married Jane Heidlay, and they had these children: Cora, wife of John C. Cryder; Mary, wife of Ellis Trembly; Carrie, wife of Charles Brown; Margaret A.; and one that died in infancy.

Frank Baker attended the public schools of Almedia, passed through Temple University, Philadelphia, and graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College with the class of 1908. He had a thorough course in operative and mechanical dentistry, and when he came to Bloomsburg in 1908 he soon built up a large practice among the best and most exacting patrons. He is a progressive citizen and takes a great interest in the upbuilding of the town. In politics he is a Republican, but thus far has held no office. He is a member of Van Camp Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Washington Lodge, F. & A. M., and of Caldwell Consistory, of Bloomsburg. In 1909, Dr. Baker married Pearl Isora Kline, daughter of James M. and Abia (Sutliff) Kline, and they have two children: Frances Alverna, born Aug. 13, 1910; and Robert James, born Oct. 14, 1912. James M. Kline is a native of Jonestown, and his wife, Abia Sutliff, is a native of Shick-shinny.

**WILLIAM A. WATTERS**, proprietor of the Columbia Steam Laundry at Bloomsburg, was born in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., Feb. 8, 1873, son of John S. and Maria C. (Hess) Watters.

Lawrence Watters, grandfather of William A. Watters, was a native of England, and

came to this country when a young man. His brother, Thomas Watters, never left his native land. Mr. Watters was a school teacher, noted for his penmanship, and became one of the well known educators of Mifflin township, where his death occurred. He married Sarah Brown and they became the parents of the following children: (1) Dorothy, born Sept. 28, 1844, married Eleazer Schweppenheiser, who died April 7, 1901, his widow surviving and residing at Mifflinville; they had children: Myra, who married Luther Snyder; Sallie C., married to R. R. John; Margaret A., who married John Hosler; and Claude M., a dentist of Berwick, Pa. (2) John S. is mentioned below. (3) David B. died at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., leaving four children, Lawrence, Harry, Thomas and Byron. (4) Margaret is married to Samuel Drumm. She has one son by a former marriage. (5) Ervin. (6) Thomas died in 1872, at the age of twenty years. The father of this family died June 7, 1876, aged seventy-three years, and the mother when seventy-two years of age, Sept. 9, 1882.

John S. Watters, son of Lawrence and father of William A. Watters, was born in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., April 10, 1846, and died Nov. 19, 1904. He followed farming in Scott township, and subsequently engaged in the butcher business in that locality, retiring therefrom several years prior to his death. He maintained the family's reputation for honesty and integrity, and was esteemed and respected throughout his community. Mr. Watters married Maria C. Hess, who was born Feb. 23, 1845, and died Feb. 3, 1912, and they became the parents of three children: Sadie, who died when a child; Dorothy, who married Norman Hess and resides in Bloomsburg; and William A.

William A. Watters, son of John S. Watters, attended the public schools of Espy, Pa., and with his father learned the trade of butcher, which occupation he followed for about three years. At the end of that time he started to learn the laundry business, at which he was employed for seven years, and in 1900 went to Sunbury, where he established the Keystone Laundry. Three years later, receiving an advantageous offer, he sold out to Miller & Fassold and returned to Bloomsburg, where he purchased his present establishment, located on Pine street, near Center. This has become one of the leading business plants of its kind in the city, due to Mr. Watters's able management. He employs five men, uses wagons for collection and delivery, and personally supervises each order that leaves his establishment.

Mr. Watters married Miss Myrtie E. Wagner, daughter of Jacob Wagner, of Evansville, Pa. She died Feb. 15, 1910, leaving one daughter, Florence L., a graduate of the Bloomsburg high school, class of 1912, and a student of the State Normal school, now teaching at Newfoundland, Wayne Co., Pa. Mr. Watters is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Independent Americans and the Modern Woodmen of America. He has served two terms as alderman of Bloomsburg, and is recognized as one of the rising business men of the city. His religious connection is with the Lutheran Church.

SAMUEL M. KNORR, a farmer of Briarcreek township, was born Sept. 27, 1861, in Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., son of Henry Jackson Knorr, and a descendant of Leonard Knorr, a pioneer of this State.

Leonard Knorr, the pioneer of this family, came from Germany in the year 1782 and located in Centre township, where he cleared land and established the old homestead.

Henry Knorr, son of Leonard, was also a farmer, a member of the Reformed Church and prominent in the affairs of his native county. He married Margaret Dietrich. His brother John also had a large family, one of his descendants being Mrs. Ann Hess, of Fishing Creek.

Henry D. Knorr, grandfather of Samuel M. Knorr, was a tanner by trade, but later in life devoted himself exclusively to farming. He married Sarah Kelchner, and they had seven children: Henry Jackson (deceased), Samuel (deceased), Eli M., Francis (deceased), Wesley (deceased), Mary and Margaret.

Henry Jackson Knorr was a farmer by occupation and lived to the age of seventy-six years. He married Rebecca Herring, and they are buried at the Brick Church in Briarcreek township. They were the parents of ten children: Margaret was killed in infancy, in 1853, by a runaway horse; James M., a builder of Berwick, married Elizabeth Hagenbuch and had one child, Frank, deceased; John, a shoemaker, deceased, married Mary Peeler, and had four children; Clara is living in Centre township; Samuel M. is mentioned below; Harvey E., a farmer of Centre township, married Elizabeth Burket, and has four children living (one is deceased); Emma resides at Wilkes-Barre; George, who is employed by the American Car & Foundry Company at Berwick, married Maude Strowbridge, and has two children; Henry T. was next in the family; Elizabeth,

wife of Joseph Sitler, a farmer of Centre township, has two children living (one is deceased).

Samuel M. Knorr was educated in the public schools of Centre township and took up the vocation of farming. On Feb. 14, 1893, he was married to Gertrude Rittenhouse, who was born July 28, 1865, daughter of Morris M. Rittenhouse, a farmer of Briarcreek township, and granddaughter of Henry and Rachel (Hutton) Rittenhouse, who are buried at Berwick. Mr. Rittenhouse married Effie Brittain, whose great-grandparents settled in Germantown, Pa., later moving to this section, where they cultivated the farm now owned by Boyd Freas, which was in the Brittain family for several generations. She was a daughter of Col. William A. J. Brittain (son of Henry Brittain), who owned a farm, but worked as collector on the old canal for many years; he and his wife are buried at Berwick. Mrs. Morris M. Rittenhouse is buried at the Brick Church in Briarcreek township. She was the mother of four children, one dying in infancy; Henry, a farmer of Briarcreek township, married Nora Davis and they have had eight children, two of whom are deceased; Gertrude is the wife of Samuel M. Knorr; Mary married Milton Freas, and both are deceased (they had one son, Morris).

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Knorr: Ernest H., Feb. 12, 1894; Margaret C., April 9, 1895; Charles J., Feb. 13, 1897 (died May 6, 1907). The parents are members of the Zwingle Reformed Church at Berwick, in which Mr. Knorr has been a prominent worker, having held the office of deacon six years and served seven years as trustee. He is a Democrat in political sentiment.

EDWARD H. SMETHERS, a practical molder, thoroughly competent in his line, has been foreman of the soft foundry in the American Car & Foundry Company's plant (formerly operated by Jackson & Woodin) at Berwick since October, 1910. He was born May 1, 1865, in that part of Berwick under the hill which was then called the "Shoddy," and has practically made his own way in the world from early boyhood.

The Smethers family is of English origin, and the name originally was spelled Smithers. It is probable that the great-grandfather of Edward H. Smethers was the pioneer of the family in this section.

John Smethers, the grandfather, was born in Luzerne county and lived and died at Ber-

wick. He was a laborer on farms in his early life and began work for the Jackson & Woodin people in their early days. He married Betsey Fenstermacher, whose people lived at Foundryville, Columbia Co., Pa., and they had the following children: Sopharus, who married Catherine Edwards; John A., who married Alvaretta R. Classon; James, who married Mary George; Savilla, who is the widow of Rev. Freeman S. Vought, who is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, at Berwick; Mary, who married Charles Berlin; William, who married Dora Houch; and McClellan, who married Mary Elizabeth Harris.

Sopharus Smethers, father of Edward H. Smethers, was born July 31, 1840, in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa. He started to work when very young, hence had but few school advantages, subsequently learned the trade of molder with the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and had charge of the patterns. He married Catherine, widow of Augustus Pierce, and daughter of Edward and Patty (Holloway) Edwards, from Summer Hill. By her first marriage she had four children: Mary Van Houten, Angie Witman, James Pierce and Jennie Melvin. To her second marriage, with Mr. Smethers, were born: John T., who married Della Yost; Maizie, who died young and was buried at Pine Grove; and Edward H. Sopharus Smethers belongs to the Evangelical Church. He casts his political vote with the Republican party.

Edward H. Smethers started to work when he quit school, at the age of nine years, at that time entering the foundry of the Jackson & Woodin Company at Berwick, where he remained for seven years; his foreman was William Fenstermacher and the superintendent William Barnes. In 1882 he went to the Freas Brothers' planing mill and for two years carried sidings. In 1884 he entered the machine shop of Jackson & Woodin and ran a bolt header under Tom Van Tassell for a time, and then went back to the small casting factory and made cores, also worked at molding part of the time. When twenty years old he began to learn that branch of the business, which he has followed ever since. As mentioned above he has made rapid progress, and for the last four years has been foreman of the soft foundry, which makes all sorts of miscellaneous castings. Through hard work and faithful service Mr. Smethers has advanced his fortunes and brought himself a competency.

Mr. Smethers was united in marriage with

Emma Henry, a daughter of Tobias and Drusilla (Garrison) Henry, of Bloomsburg, Pa., and they have had the following children: Catherine May, born July 27, 1889, married Alvin Drescher, and they have two children, Audrey and Berlyn; Alvin, who was born Nov. 25, 1890, married Lilly Lowe, and they have a daughter, Beatrice; Claud Tobias was born June 27, 1893; LeRoy was born Sept. 28, 1895; Oliver Evans, born Aug. 18, 1898, died Dec. 19, 1899, and was buried in Pine Grove cemetery; Arthur James was born Nov. 22, 1904. Mr. Smethers and his family are members of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church. He is a pronounced temperance man and is active in the Prohibition party. Socially he belongs to Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A., of Berwick.

Samuel Henry, grandfather of Mrs. Smethers, was born at Sloyersville, Luzerne Co., Pa., and died at Berwick in August, 1889. In his early years he was a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal and later was associated with W. H. Woodin, at Foundryville, in the manufacture of stoves, plows, castings, etc. After dissolving this partnership he engaged in farming, owning 100 acres of land at Moore's Church, back of Foundryville. Later in life he retired and came to Berwick, and his son Tobias took charge of the farm. He married Margaret Rough, whose family belonged around Sloyersville, and they had children as follows: Job; Salinda, wife of Manuel Garrison; Tobias; and Hannah, wife of Norman Garrison. They were all members of the Evangelical Church in religious faith and Democrats in their political views. Grandfather Henry belonged to the Masonic lodge at Shickshinny, Pennsylvania.

Tobias Henry was born April 16, 1838. When young he was a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal, like his father. Afterwards he carried on farming in Salem township, Luzerne county. He married Drusilla Garrison, daughter of Mathias and Mary (White) Garrison, from Almedia, and the following children were born to them: William, who married Anna Gallagher; Martha, deceased wife of Herbert McBride (she is buried in Pine Grove cemetery); Margaret, who is the wife of Abram Smith; Emma, who is the wife of Edward H. Smethers; Harriet, deceased wife of Wesley Pollock; Newton, who died young, and is buried with his sister at Moore's Church; Myrtle; Minerva, who married Clarence Bower; and Edith, who is the wife of Arthur Seeley. Mr. Henry and family be-

long to the United Evangelical Church. He supports the Prohibition party.

**WILLIAM AHLERS**, rose grower, of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, was born in Germany, Jan. 20, 1877, son of William Ahlers.

William Ahlers, Sr., his father, was a farmer early in life, but later became a distiller, selling his product at both retail and wholesale, thus continuing for thirty-eight years. His life was spent in his native land, where he died in 1901.

William Ahlers, son of William Ahlers, above, grew up in Germany, where he was educated, and served in the German army from 1897 to 1899, being in Battery 9, 9th regiment of the field artillery, under the noted Graf von Waldersee. Following the expiration of his period of service Mr. Ahlers spent one year in traveling over Germany, and then came to the United States, landing in New York City in August, 1901. After some time spent in New York State he went to New Jersey, and thence came to Pennsylvania, settling at Danville to take charge of the Castle Grove greenhouses, as he was an expert florist. For two years he filled this position most ably, and then came to Bloomsburg and became manager of the rose department for Mrs. Dillon, holding this position until May 15, 1913. On Dec. 6, 1911, he purchased the present plant from Sheriff William P. Zehner.

Mr. Ahlers has over sixteen thousand plants housed under forty-three thousand feet of glass, the output being red, white, pink and yellow roses, which he retails in neighboring towns and ships to New York wholesale houses. He employs during the year an average of eight men, all of whom are experts in their line.

In 1903, Mr. Ahlers married Anna Zscjack, a native of Germany, then residing in Passaic, N. J., and they have the following children: Anna, George, Walter and Elizabeth. Mr. Ahlers is a member of the local lodges of Knights of Pythias and B. P. O. Elks, and in religious faith is a Lutheran. He is a patriotic German, but has a warm interest in the prosperity of America, where all of his home ties are centered, and where he has built up a reputation as a rose expert equal to the greatest in the State.

**JAMES E. SPONENBERG**, a farmer of Briarcreek township, was born in Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., June 19, 1862, son of Philip and Sarah (Eckroch) Sponenberg.

His paternal great-grandfather came to America from Germany.

George Sponenberg, the grandfather, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., and was a contractor in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, where he settled early. He married Elizabeth Hawse, and they had thirteen children.

Philip Sponenberg, father of James E., was born in Centre township, Columbia county, June 22, 1838. On Sept. 4, 1860, he married Sarah Eckroch, and they had eleven children, as follows: James E. is mentioned below; Daniel H., born Nov. 3, 1864, a jeweler at Muncy, Pa., married Carrie Heath, and they have two children; George W., born Nov. 12, 1866, now with the American Car & Foundry Company, at Berwick, married Anna Naugle, and they have had seven children; Mary E., born Feb. 27, 1869, married Albert Widger, who is a farmer and lumberman of Briarcreek township, and they have five children; William F., born April 5, 1871, served three years in the United States army, mainly in Cuba, and now lives at Scranton; Ella, born March 10, 1873, married Daniel Markle, who is in the employ of the American Car & Foundry Company, at Berwick, and they have five children; Martha A., born Feb. 21, 1875, married Harry H. Case, of Millersburg, and one of their two children survives; Harry E., born Jan. 7, 1877, a butcher doing business in Briarcreek township, married Bertha Ashton, and they have six children; Lewis R., born Jan. 7, 1881, with the American Car & Foundry Company, at Berwick, married Rebecca Smith, and they have two children; Edward H., born May 12, 1882, now farming in Briarcreek township, married Minnie Curtis, and they have six children; Lehla May, born Feb. 4, 1890, married John Warner, who is farming on his father-in-law's farm in Briarcreek township, and they have three children.

James E. Sponenberg was reared on the home farm and obtained his education in the public schools. On Sept. 5, 1888, he was married to Sarah A. Boston, who was born in Luzerne county, Pa., Oct. 8, 1869, daughter of Simon P. Boston. Her grandfather, Peter Boston, was born in Scotland, and lived to be ninety-three years of age. Simon P. Boston was born Feb. 26, 1832, and became a farmer in Fairmount township, Luzerne Co., Pa. He and his wife, Julia (Lockard), are now deceased, and they are buried at Lime Ridge, Columbia county. She was born May 9, 1838, daughter of Joseph and Sophia (Evans) Lockard, the former of Scotland, the latter

probably born in Ireland. When they came to the United States they settled in Northumberland county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Boston had the following children: Chester, who is a decorator by trade, resides at Detroit, Mich.; he married Clara Baldy, and they have one son, Frederick. Ellen is the wife of Lawson Albertson, a lawyer residing at Berwick, and they have one daughter, Mildred. George, who worked in a steel corrugating plant at Wheeling, W. Va., is now deceased; he is survived by his wife and three children, Arthur, Charles and Ella. Sarah A. is the wife of James E. Sponenberg. William, who is a painter by trade, is a resident of Pittsburgh; he married Stella Cain, now deceased, and they had three sons, Rue, Harvey (deceased), and Morris. Anna, who is the widow of John Miller, a puddler in the iron works at Berwick, resides at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Bertha is the wife of John Knorr, and they have three children, Alfred, Rue and Ella. Brooks died at the age of fifteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Sponenberg have four children: Daisy May, the eldest, was born Oct. 5, 1889; she married Doil Myers, who is a machinist employed by the American Car & Foundry Company, at Berwick, and they have one daughter, Helen, who was born June 11, 1909. Minnie Florence, the second daughter, born Nov. 7, 1891, is the wife of Adam Gebhart, who is in the employ of the American Car & Foundry Company, of Berwick, and they have one daughter, Sarah Louise, born June 23, 1914. The two other daughters, Pearl, born Oct. 12, 1895, and Gertrude, born May 29, 1898, both reside at home. Mr. Sponenberg and his family are members of Grace Lutheran Church, of West Berwick. In politics he is a Democrat, but has never been willing to accept any public office. Socially he is a member of Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A.

GEORGE W. LENHART, of Danville, now employed as inspector by the Danville Structural Tubing Company, was born in that borough Sept. 2, 1844. His father, George Lenhart, born May 9, 1819, learned the trade of tailor, and worked at it all his life, and he was an early settler at Danville and the first merchant tailor in that place. He died April 2, 1905, and his wife, Margaret Jane (McCollister), born Oct. 9, 1824, died at the age of sixty-eight years. She is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville.

For a few years during his boyhood George W. Lenhart had such advantages as the com-

mon schools of Danville afforded, but he was only nine years old when he began work. He was employed at the iron mills two years and then at the blast furnaces for six years, after which he began railroading, following that work for forty years. He started as brakeman and became in turn fireman and conductor, being thus engaged until 1903. He was employed on the Lackawanna & Bloomsburg (now the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western) railroad. Since giving up railroad work he has been with the Danville Structural Tubing Company, where he is a trusted employee. He is a well known and respected citizen of the borough.

GUY WILLIAMS, member of the firm of Williams & Evans, coal and cement dealers, of Berwick, Pa., was born in that city Aug. 19, 1881, son of Fillmore and Dorcas A. (Almedia) Williams, and grandson of Suverhill Williams.

Suverhill Williams was born in Connecticut, came to Luzerne county, Pa., at an early day, and locating in Huntington township became a farmer, and so continued until his death.

Fillmore Williams was born in Huntington township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and like his father followed the occupation of farming. He married Dorcas A. Almedia, who was born in Huntington township, daughter of Joseph Bilby Almedia, a farmer of that township, and both parents still survive. They had three children: Guy; Sebert, who is a resident of Berwick; and Beach, who is living on the farm, assisting his father in the work.

Guy Williams grew up in Huntington township, alternating attendance at school with farm work. When he was seventeen years old he came to Berwick and entered the employ of the American Car & Foundry Company, continuing with this concern for twelve years. Having saved his money, at the expiration of this period he was able to establish himself in a coal and cement business, which he is still continuing, having headquarters on Canal street, opposite the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western freight station. The business is now conducted by the firm of Williams & Evans.

On Oct. 12, 1905, Mr. Williams was married, at Bloomsburg, to Myrtle M. Bower, who was born Aug. 18, 1882, in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, daughter of Jonas Milton and Emma (Schechterly) Bower, both of whom are deceased; they were farming people. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have had three children: Ruth Almedia, born May 13, 1908; Ray Allen, born Feb. 7, 1910; and

Lawrence Edward, born Jan. 2, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the North Berwick United Evangelical Church.

JOHN L. MORGAN, an employee of the Structural Tubing Company, and city councilman of Danville, Pa., was born Aug. 24, 1859, at Tredegar, Monmouthshire, Wales, son of David and Charlotte (Davis) Morgan.

David Morgan, the grandfather of John L. Morgan, followed mining all of his life and died in his native Wales, as did also his wife, who bore the maiden name of Eliza Owles.

David Morgan, son of David and father of John L. Morgan, was born in Wales, where he followed mining until his death, in 1865, at the age of twenty-six years. Following this his wife, with her two children, emigrated to the United States and settled in Danville, Pa., where she became a domestic in the home of Thomas Beaver, of the Waterman & Beaver mills, in order to support her family. Subsequently she married Robert Davis, a foundryman, and had two children: Edward, who is now deceased; and Harriet, who became the wife of Harry Welliver, of Hazleton, Pa. By her first marriage Mrs. Morgan had three children: John L.; William, who is now deceased; and David, who died in infancy. Her death occurred in 1884, when she was forty-seven years of age.

John L. Morgan, son of David Morgan, attended school until he was ten years of age, and at that time was employed in the "Cock Robin" Mills, at Danville, where he continued to work until their removal. His next employment was at the Cooperative Works, where he continued ten years, and he spent the next seven years in the capacity of heater at Northumberland. For one year he worked with the same company at Pittsburgh, and also spent six months at Youngstown, Ohio, after which he returned to Danville and was employed in the Reading iron mill until the explosions which destroyed that plant, five years later. Mr. Morgan's abilities did not leave him long unemployed, for he became a heater in the Danville Bessemer Steel Company's plant, and one year later became the first heater for the Franklin plant of the Cambria Steel Company, with which he was connected for seven years, severing his connection therewith to enter the employ of the Structural Tubing Company, by which he has been engaged ever since. His steadiness, thorough knowledge of his vocation and keen interest in his work have won him the confidence of his superiors and made him a trusted employee.

On May 1, 1880, Mr. Morgan was married to Harriet E. Pensyl, who was born Aug. 27, 1862, a daughter of Daniel K. and Rebecca E. (Mowry) Pensyl. Daniel K. Pensyl was born in 1829, in Northumberland county, Pa., son of John and Elizabeth (Caseman) Pensyl, and was a member of a family that originated in Holland and was founded about 170 years ago in America. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Morgan died in 1870, at the remarkable age of 107 years. From the age of ten years until he was twenty-one Daniel K. Pensyl worked on a farm, his wages going to his parents during this time, and on attaining his majority he learned the trade of shoemaker, at which he spent four years. During the next five years he worked on farms, and in 1858 he came to Danville, where he was engaged in farming for two years, subsequently entering the iron mills. For twenty-three years he was janitor of the Second ward school, and is now living retired; he is known as the oldest citizen of Danville who still retains his full faculties. Mr. Pensyl was the father of five children, of whom two are living: Catherine, a widow, who makes her home with her father; and Rosa, the wife of Isaiah Vought, of Northumberland county. The old Pensyl home, erected in 1860, still stands, and is pointed out as one of the landmarks. Mr. Pensyl is a Lutheran, and in political matters is active in his support of the Democratic party.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan have two children: Elizabeth May, born April 15, 1888, the wife of George W. Funk, has had three children, John Eugene, Harriet Leona and Daniel; David, who died Dec. 29, 1911, aged twenty-two years, four months, twenty-eight days, married Virdie Hoher, and had two children, Helen and Daniel. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are members of the United Evangelical Church. He has ever been faithful in his support of Republican principles and policies, and in 1911 his fellow citizens elected him to the city council, where he is still capably serving the best interests of his community.

WILLIAM H. GILMORE, a veteran of the Civil war, now living retired from active life at Bloomsburg, was born at Philadelphia, Pa., June 29, 1838, son of William Gilmore.

William Gilmore was a native of Connecticut, and learned to be a surveyor prior to his removal to Philadelphia. After his arrival in that city he became commissioner's clerk, serving as such during 1843 and 1844. Following that period he assisted in surveying the line of

the Schuylkill canal, and later went to some of the Western States, but finally returned to Philadelphia, where he died in 1870. He married Hester Kruger, who died in May, 1893, the mother of children as follows: Lillie, who married Martin Verdy and died in her eightieth year; William H.; and Frederick, who is living retired at Bloomsburg.

William H. Gilmore was sent to the public schools of Mount Pleasant, Columbia Co., Pa., receiving but few educational advantages. In 1856 he came to Bloomsburg, Pa., and for some years drove the stage from that point to Wilkes-Barre for Mr. Rupert. Feeling that he ought to give his services to his country, when the full horror of the Civil war was impressed upon him, Mr. Gilmore enlisted in Company E, 132d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and participated in the great engagements of Antietam, Fredericksburg, and Chancellorsville, as well as others less important, his period of service extending over ten months. After his honorable discharge, he returned to Bloomsburg, where he embarked in a restaurant business, buying the establishment owned by the Briggs estate, which he still owns, on Main street. In July, 1910, upon his retirement, he sold the restaurant interest to his sons.

Mr. Gilmore married Emma Wicht, a daughter of William Wicht, of Allentown, Pa., and she died in 1909 at the age of sixty-five years, the mother of the following children: Lillie, who married William Taylor; William S., who resides in Missouri; Charles, who lives at Bloomsburg; Mary, who is the wife of Charles Wilson; and Harry, who lives at Bloomsburg. Mr. Gilmore's second marriage was to Hannah Barkley. He belongs to Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., Caldwell consistory of Bloomsburg, and Irem Temple, Mystic Shrine, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He was one of the organizers of the Friendship Fire Company, in 1867, and has acted as its treasurer ever since. Mr. Gilmore is also a member of the State Fireman's Association, and is much interested in its work. The family belong to the Episcopal Church, and are prominent in its work. A man of decided convictions, Mr. Gilmore lives up to them, and exerts a strong influence among his associates.

**SAMUEL WILLETT IKELER**, employed in the works of the American Car & Foundry Company at Berwick, was born Dec. 10, 1864, in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, son of Andrew T. and Rachel (Oman) Ikeler.

Isaac Ikeler, the grandfather of Samuel W. Ikeler, was a farmer by vocation, and spent the greater part of his life in agricultural pursuits in Greenwood township, Columbia county, although he died in Mount Pleasant township, and there he and his wife were buried in the Ikeler cemetery. He was a Democrat in politics, but never desired public office, always being content with the rewards that came to him through his industry, honesty and upright living. Mr. Ikeler married a Miss Taylor, and they became the parents of five children, as follows: George, deceased, who was long a resident of Mount Pleasant township, where he was engaged in farming; Elijah, who is also deceased; Andrew T., the father of Samuel W.; Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of Lott Johnson, of Orange township, Columbia Co., Pa.; and Sarah, deceased, who was the wife of William Shingle, of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania.

Andrew T. Ikeler, son of Isaac Ikeler, and father of Samuel Willett Ikeler, was born May 20, 1835, in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa. He received his education in the public schools of his home vicinity, and passed his youth and young manhood in agricultural pursuits, working for his father. When he was ready to enter business on his own account he invested his capital in the "Hotel Benton," at Benton, Pa., which he conducted for many years, making it one of the most popular hostels of this part of the State. He was an entertaining, genial host, and his personality did much to attract a full share of the traveling public to his house. At the time of his retirement, when he had reached advanced years, he went to live with his daughter, Mrs. Arabella Carey, in West Virginia, who cared for him in his declining years, and at whose home he died in April, 1912. The mother preceded him to the grave, passing away at Benton, April 14, 1904, and both were buried in the Benton cemetery. Mrs. Ikeler was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, and her husband supported its work. In politics he was a Democrat, but like his father he never cared for public office. Mr. and Mrs. Ikeler were the parents of the following children: Isaac, born May 3, 1857, now a resident of Battle Creek, Mich.; Arabella, deceased, born Aug. 14, 1858, who married George Carey, and resided in West Virginia; Mary Catherine, born Nov. 10, 1859, widow of Henry Kindt, of Mordansville, Pa.; Sarah Elizabeth, born March 13, 1861, deceased wife of Bruce Carey, of West Virginia; Samuel



Willett; and Chauncey Burr, born May 3, 1867, who married Sadie Kramer, of Benton.

Samuel Willett Ikeler, son of Andrew T. Ikeler, received his education in the public schools of Benton, and as a youth learned harnessmaking, at which trade he spent seven years. He then came to Berwick and accepted a position in the forging department of the American Car & Foundry Company, with which concern he has been associated to the present time. For five years he was labor boss, subsequently was shipping clerk for eight years, and has acted in various other capacities, being at this time a clerk in the department under Superintendent John B. Landis. His long experience makes his services especially valuable, and his employers have the greatest confidence in his abilities. Mr. Ikeler is a Democrat. His fraternal connections are with Washington Camp No. 105, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Berwick, in both of which he has many friends. He is possessed of much musical talent and is solo cornet player in the Berwick band. With his family he attends the Baptist Church.

Mr. Ikeler was married to Catherine Heacock, who was born Feb. 8, 1865, at Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa., daughter of William and Adeline (Henry) Heacock. She was educated at Sloyersville (Briggsville), in that county, but when her parents died she went to live with her grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Henry, until she was twelve years of age. She then went to Philadelphia and learned dressmaking, remaining in that city until her marriage, although that ceremony took place at Danville, Montour county. She has been engaged in dressmaking in Berwick for twenty-two years, and still carries on a profitable business there. Her father, William Heacock, was a native of Lancashire, England, and is buried at Danville, Pa., while the mother was born at Briggsville, Luzerne county, where her remains were interred. They had four children: Mary, who married Charles E. Ross, of Berwick; Alice, who married George Crisman, also of Berwick; George, who made his home in Montana, and Catherine, who is now Mrs. Ikeler.

JOSEPH DEAN, whose widow resides at Washingtonville, Montour county, was born July 6, 1823, in Montour county, of Irish ancestry, his grandfather, Joseph Dean, having been a native of Ireland. His father, also named Joseph, was twice married, Joseph being the youngest child by the first mar-

riage, and he was only two years old when his mother died. All her children are deceased. Her maiden name was Pollock. The father was a man of intelligence and high standing, one of the most respected citizens of his day. He served as a colonel in the war of 1812, and he held the position of associate judge in Montour county.

From boyhood Joseph Dean was accustomed to farm work, which he continued to follow throughout his active years. After his marriage he removed to Greenwood, living there five years, and thence moving to Liberty township, Montour county, where his wife died. He remarried, and farmed for another six years, until his retirement, in the year 1892, taking up his home in Washingtonville. He was a successful man, and highly esteemed by all who knew him, and he served faithfully in both Derry and Liberty townships as school director. Politically he was a Democrat. In religious belief he leaned toward the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Dean was twice married, his first union, on Sept. 27, 1849, being to Mary Ann Geringer of Liberty township, Montour county, who died there in January, 1883. She was the mother of three children, namely: Joseph Elwood, born May 12, 1855, died aged eight years; Margaret Catherine, born July 23, 1859, is the wife of James B. Pollock, a farmer of Derry township, Montour county; John Wallace, born Oct. 8, 1861, married Ella Foust, and lives in Limestone township, same county. Mrs. Dean was a member of the German Reformed Church.

On Oct. 17, 1886, Mr. Dean married (second) Margaret B. Cornelison, who was born Oct. 31, 1849, in Liberty township, Montour county, and five children were born to this union: Calvin H., born Sept. 3, 1887, died April 2, 1907; Joseph, born Jan. 13, 1889, a harnessmaker, lives at home, and is the only survivor of the family; Frank H., born March 9, 1890, died Nov. 28, 1908; Martha, born June 11, 1891, died March 14, 1894; Myrtie B., born May 6, 1892, died May 3, 1910. The mother is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Dean died Feb. 6, 1902.

The Cornelisons, Mrs. Dean's family, were early and prominent settlers at Danville, now in Montour county. Joseph Cornelison located there when Danville was but a small settlement, in striking contrast to the now thriving business center widely known throughout the State for its up-to-date establishments and institutions. He and his family associated



with many of its first industrial enterprises, and to such of her early residents as these does Danville owe its present standing. With wonderful foresight and pride they had faith in the success she would attain, and none who have had the good fortune to see Danville in recent years can doubt the correctness of their predictions. Joseph Cornelison was born in Holland, and upon coming to this country settled first in the State of New Jersey, but soon afterward moved to Danville, Montour Co., Pa., where he established the first blacksmith shop. He followed that line of work the remainder of his life, died in the town, and was laid to rest in Grove cemetery. His wife, whose maiden name was Martin, was also buried in Grove cemetery. To their marriage were born the following children: Joseph, who was the first male white child born in Danville; William; Jacob, grandfather of Mrs. Dean; Isaac; Cornelius; James; Massey; Mary, Mrs. Torks; and Anna, Mrs. Best.

Joseph Cornelison, the first male white child born in the vicinity of Danville, was the original owner of the "White Swan" hotel in that town. He had two children by his first wife (whose name we do not know), viz.: John, born July 24, 1811, and Mary, born Feb. 7, 1813. His second marriage was to Letitia Cou-sart, by whom he had four children: Rebecca, born Sept. 7, 1819, died May 3, 1890, married John Sperring; Jacob, born June 17, 1822, died July 1, 1865, married Phoebe Eckart; Sarah, born May 19, 1825, died Sept. 13, 1852, married Jefferson Adams; Susanna, born June 29, 1829, died Aug. 9, 1831. The father of this family, born May 17, 1789, died Aug. 18, 1851; the mother, born Aug. 9, 1788, died Sept. 16, 1863. Both the wives of Joseph Cornelison are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville.

Jacob Cornelison, grandfather of Mrs. Dean, disappeared, and nothing was ever afterward heard of him. He married Mary McCalmont, a native of Ireland.

William Cornelison, son of Jacob, was born near Danville, Jan. 8, 1820, and all his life followed the trade of stonemason in Montour county. He died March 2, 1899. In October, 1848, he married Jane H. Bond, who was born April, 28, 1825, in what is now Montour county, daughter of Charles and Margaret (Hunter) Bond, natives of the North of Ireland. Mrs. Cornelison died July 2, 1882. By this union there were four children, of whom three survive: Charles, born Dec. 10, 1852, died Aug. 16, 1856; Robert, born May 3, 1856, of Valley township, Montour county, is a car-

penter and farmer; William, born July 6, 1859, living on the old homestead in Liberty township, same county, is also a carpenter and farmer; Margaret B. is the widow of Joseph Dean.

SCOTT E. FENSTERMACHER, of Berwick, has shown commendable enterprise in the development of the two lines of business in which his success has been made. His modern jewelry store in that borough is without doubt the largest and most popular establishment of the kind in the county, and his foresight in entering the automobile trade in its early days, when it was still in the experimental stage, has been well rewarded.

Mr. Fenstermacher was born July 1, 1873, at Scanlin, Luzerne Co., Pa., second son of Michael W. Fenstermacher. Until seventeen years old he resided at his birthplace, attending public school, and spending odd hours in assisting in his father's general store. He then moved to the farm with his parents, his father having retired from the mercantile business, and remained there two years, taking advantage of school privileges in winter and farming summers. After spending some time in Dickinson College he took a position with the G. B. Markle Coal Company, of Jeddo, Pa., and a year later went with the Lehigh Railroad Company, of Wilkes-Barre, with superintendent O. O. Esser. Being mechanically inclined and not fascinated with office duties he decided to become a jeweler, and coming to Berwick in 1893 served an apprenticeship of three years with L. J. Townsend. His first position following this experience was with William Blocher, of Chambersburg, Pa., and later he was with Charles Blocher, at Gettysburg, Pa. On Feb. 17, 1897, he married Laura B. Snyder, of Wapwallopen, and intended to return and settle at Gettysburg. But seeing an opportunity in Berwick for a modern jewelry store he made a location there and has been in business in the borough continuously since. In 1908 he began to see the opportunities in the automobile business and took the first agency in the town. By hard work he has built up a business which in the current year will reach a quarter of a million dollars, having contracts for two hundred cars of one make, besides various truck contracts. He has been associated since 1911 with W. F. McMichael, under the name of the Overland Sales Company, and they are distributors for southern Luzerne, Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties.

Three children have been born to Mr. and



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Mrs. Fenstermacher; S. Leroy, born June 16, 1898; Lolita Elizabeth, May 29, 1901; and Edna May, Nov. 15, 1910 (died when seventeen months old).

Mr. Fenstermacher is a Mason, belonging to Knapp Lodge No. 462, F. & A. M., to Caldwell Consistory, and to Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Wilkes-Barre.

MICHAEL W. FENSTERMACHER, now living retired, has been a lifelong resident of Luzerne county, Pa., as business man, justice of the peace and valued worker in religious enterprises, being one of the most esteemed citizens of his section. The family is one of long standing in Pennsylvania.

Philip Fenstermacher, grandfather of Michael W., was born near Easton, Northampton Co., Pa., was a farmer, and while a young man removed to Luzerne county, where he owned a large desirable property lying along the Susquehanna river. He cleared his land and improved it greatly, putting up the substantial brick dwelling which still stands there. He married Gertrude Harter, also from Easton, Pa., and they had a family of four children: John married Sarah Hess; Hannah married Philip Hess; William married Rebecca Hess; Elizabeth married William Meixell.

William Fenstermacher, son of Philip, was born in Hollenback (later Conyngham) township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and died in Salem township, that county. By occupation he was a farmer, carrying on general agricultural work. He married Rebecca Hess, daughter of William and Mary (Weiss) Hess, of near Allentown or Easton, and by this marriage there were eight children: Aaron died young and is buried at Wapwallopen; Catherine married Peter H. Good; Polly married Daniel Snyder; Savilla married Jacob Hippensteel; Sarah married Aaron Bittenbender; Permelia married Philip Peters; Michael W. married Josephine Everard; Maria married Philip F. Peters. The parents are buried at Wapwallopen. The father was a member of the German Reformed Church, and in politics he supported the Republican party.

Michael W. Fenstermacher was born Oct. 24, 1844, in Salem township, Luzerne county. He had a good education for the time, attending Orangeville Academy and the Kingston Seminary, at which latter he took the commercial course and graduated. For three terms he taught school in Hollenback township. Then for a short time he farmed, and for the five years following was in the employ of the Du Pont Powder Company at Wap-

wallopen, Luzerne county. During the Civil war he enlisted from that place for one hundred days' service, joining an independent company of mounted infantry from Harrisburg, under Capt. E. B. Sanno. After service at Hagerstown, Chambersburg and on the Potomac river he was put on reserve duty, and was mustered out in 1864 at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg. Towards the close of the war he enlisted again and was sent to Scranton, but news coming of the surrender of Lee was returned home and resumed work with the powder company. Some time later Mr. Fenstermacher started a general store at Powder Glen, and built up a good business, continuing it for twenty-three years. For thirteen years he was engaged in farming in Hollenback township, Luzerne county, thence moving to Nescopeck to spend his years in retirement. His life has been a busy one, and he has earned the rest he is now enjoying and merits the unqualified respect in which he is held. While in Hollenback township he held the office of justice of the peace to the thorough satisfaction of all his fellow citizens. He has been a zealous worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, serving as trustee and chorister, and giving his best efforts to the promotion of Sabbath school and Epworth League interests. He is thoroughly in sympathy with the Prohibition movement and gives his political support to the party. Socially he belongs to the Knights of Malta (at Hobbie, Luzerne county) and Senior O. U. A. M. He is secretary of the Nescopeck Mutual Fire Insurance Company, in which position he has served for thirteen years.

On July 5, 1866, Mr. Fenstermacher married Josephine Everard, of Hollenback township, Luzerne county, and their three children are: Edgar A., married to Verdi McCune; Scott E.; and Carrie I., wife of Charles E. Andreas.

The Everard family came to this county from England. George Everard, Mrs. Fenstermacher's father, was a miller by trade, ran a general store and gristmill, and also carried on farming. He died in Hollenback township at the age of sixty years, and he and his wife are buried there. Politically he was originally a Whig, afterwards a Republican, and his religious connection was with the M. E. Church, of which he was an active member. He married Louisa Bertran, who was from New York State, and they had children as follows: Anna; Elizabeth, who married Evan H. Keen; Martha, who married Ellis Grover; Rebecca, who married John Cauley and (sec-

ond) William Reed; John W.; Mary, Mrs. Cicero Hines; Josephine, Mrs. Michael W. Fenstermacher; William, who married Abbie Small; Almira, Mrs. Isaiah Hess; Frank, who married Mary Grover; and Jessie, who died young.

JAMES H. GULLIVER, a farmer of Hemlock township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in that township April 2, 1866, son of James Gulliver, and grandson of John Gulliver.

John Gulliver, the grandfather of James H. Gulliver, was a native of England, born in 1812. Finding opportunities too limited in his own country he came to the United States about 1842, bringing his family with him, and it was during this period also that the Ivey family came to Columbia county. Both these representative families have borne an important part in the subsequent development of the section their founders chose as a place of residence. John Gulliver was influenced in his choice because of the ore mines in Hemlock township, as he was a miner. He settled therefore in this township, and spent the remainder of his life in the mines here, being one of the men who opened up some very desirable veins. His remains were laid to rest in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow. He married Mary Cathern, who was born in 1817, and their children were: Mary A., born in 1840, who married James Runsley; James, born in 1842; Elizabeth, born in 1845, who married Henry Hodge; Benjamin, born in 1846; Matilda, born in 1848, who is unmarried; William, born in 1850, who is living in Center county, Pa.; Hannah, born in 1852; Jonathan, born in 1854, who is living in Centralia, Pa.; Rebecca, born in 1856, who married William Cadman; Emma, born in 1859, who married William Pooley; and John W., born in 1862, who is living in Center county.

James Gulliver, son of John Gulliver, was born in England Feb. 16, 1842, and was three weeks old when brought to the United States. He followed in his father's footsteps, becoming an ore miner, and was engaged in this line of work until he began farming. In 1902 he retired and is now making his home among his children, having lost his wife on June 2d of that year. She is buried at Staub's Church in Frosty valley. James Gulliver married Dorcas Jones, who was born in 1841, a daughter of Edward Jones of England, born in 1809, who married Martha Davis, and they came to America in 1852, the trip consuming seven weeks. Their daughter Delila was born in

1844, their son Edward in 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Gulliver had the following children: Mary A., born Oct. 22, 1862, married Alfred Runsley; an infant died unnamed; James H. was born April 2, 1866; John, born May 9, 1868, is living in Hemlock township; Martha, born July 20, 1870, married Clinton Rhoads; Edward F., born March 3, 1873, is living at Bloomsburg; George H., born Jan. 14, 1876, is living at Danville, Pa.; Rufus was born May 6, 1878; Rebecca, born Feb. 26, 1881, married Charles Moore; Clark, born Oct. 6, 1883, is living at Berwick.

James H. Gulliver received a public school education. Even when a boy he worked in the ore mines, so that from an early age he was self supporting. For sixteen years he was a fireman at the Danville Hospital for the Insane, and later began farming on a portion of the Peter Appelman estate in Hemlock township. This property contains 135 acres of land, and was formerly owned by James Gulliver, who bought it from William Ivey. Since becoming an agriculturist Mr. Gulliver has made a specialty of raising truck and fruit, and visits the Bloomsburg market, where he finds a ready sale for his produce. He is an excellent farmer and knows how to make his work pay. In addition to his agricultural holdings, he is a stockholder and director of the Frosty Valley Telephone Company.

In August, 1890, Mr. Gulliver was married to Mary V. Deibert, daughter of George F. and Martha J. (Millheim) Deibert, both of whom survive, making their home in Montour county. Mr. and Mrs. Gulliver have had children as follows: Myrtle M., married to Raymon Huntington; Merlin S., who was graduated from the public schools, Buck Horn high school and the Bloomsburg State Normal, class of 1911, and is now teaching school in Montour township, Columbia Co., Pa. (he resides at home); Clyde R.; William H.; Harry R.; Clarence, and Ruth D. Mr. Gulliver is a Republican, holding staunchly to party ties, and has given much of his time and attention to local educational interests, having served on the school board in Mahoning township, Montour county, and in 1911 was elected to the same office in Hemlock township, still holding it. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows, being connected with Myrtle Lodge, No. 858. The family belong to the Lutheran Church and are active in its good work.

CLAUD CALVIN PADEN, time inspector at the plant of the American Car & Foundry Company, Berwick, Columbia county, has with

the exception of one year been employed in that establishment ever since he commenced work. He belongs to an old family of Columbia county, his maternal grandfather, Samuel W. Schweppenheiser, having been well known here as a carpenter and house contractor; he built houses all over the county. His wife, Elizabeth (Bason), was from Mifflin township.

David Francis Paden, father of Claud C. Paden, was born in 1850 at Forks, Columbia county. After obtaining a common school training he learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed until he settled down to farming, now cultivating a very productive tract of sixty acres in Mifflin township. He is a citizen of standing and a man of unimpeachable character, a member of the Evangelical Church and a Prohibitionist in political sympathy. He married Mary Elnora Schweppenheiser, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Bason) Schweppenheiser, of Mifflin township, and they have had children as follows: Henry W., married to Effie Bower; Claud Calvin; Barton B., who married Margaret Graham; Roy I.; Ernest F., married to Maud Zehner; Conroy D., married to Ella Spencer; and Grace.

Claud Calvin Paden was born Sept. 5, 1873, in Mifflin township, Columbia county. He took a course in the high school at Berwick, graduating in 1891, and then began work with the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company. Five years later he went to New London, Conn., to take a position with the Eastern Ship Building Company, with whom he remained one year, at the end of that period returning to his old employers at Berwick. He continued with the concern when it passed into the hands of the American Car & Foundry Company, for whom he is time inspector. His reliable work and substantial qualities have won him the thorough confidence of his superiors. He is a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and also belongs to the Presbyterian Church. In politics he supports the Democratic party.

Mr. Paden married Gertrude Williams, who was born Sept. 11, 1875, and they have three children, as follows: Madeline Lenore, May 11, 1900; Eleanor May, April 21, 1907; and Fred Thornton, Aug. 18, 1908.

John T. Williams, grandfather of Mrs. Paden, came to this country from England, where he was born and reared. He was engaged in the iron business. His wife's maiden name was Maybury, and their children were: William Maybury, Maria Elizabeth, John

Thomas, Sarah Ann (married George Kinn), Mary Eliza, Joseph Henry, James Knox Polk, Richard H. and Emma Jane.

Richard H. Williams was born April 11, 1847, at Haverstraw, N. Y. He came to Danville, Pa., when the family settled there, and there his early years were spent. Upon reaching manhood he worked in the rolling mills there and at Harrisburg, and in 1873 came to Berwick, where he helped to build and start the rolling mill. Returning to Danville for a time, he came back to Berwick in 1877, and was engaged in the same capacity there until his death, which occurred Oct. 7, 1891. By his marriage to Hannah Thornton, born in 1845, who survived until Nov. 14, 1913, he had the following children: William Edwin; Walter, who died young and is buried in Harrisburg; Mary, Mrs. F. W. Bush; Gertrude, Mrs. C. C. Paden; and Rozella B., Mrs. Robert Allen Carse, of Berwick. The father was a member of the Episcopal Church, the mother a Presbyterian in religious connection. He belonged to the Knights of Malta and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and was associated with the Democratic party on political issues.

Michael Thornton, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Williams, had the following children: Edward, Benjamin, Isaiah, Nancy, Tamar, Hannah and Peggy. Isaiah Thornton, born in 1814, was a business man at Danville, engaged in the shoe trade, and died in 1860. His wife, Barbara (Ernst), born in 1816, died in 1885, aged sixty-nine years. They had children as follows: Leah Ann married George E. Hunt; Mary Margaret married Will H. Smith; Hannah (deceased) married Richard H. Williams; Michael Grier, married Elizabeth Taylor and (second) Clara Taylor; Lewis married Caroline Kindt; Eva died young; John married Ellen E. Leahy; Rozella married Deozra Taylor.

NELSON C. HARTMAN, a farmer of Catawissa township, Columbia county, was born in Main township, that county, Dec. 8, 1845, a son of Moses and Rebecca (Clayton) Hartman. The Hartmans were among the earliest settlers of the county. His grandmother's ancestors were from Scotland.

William Hartman, the great-grandfather of Nelson C. Hartman, came direct from Germany about 1760 and settled in Columbia county, Pa., taking up a section of land. He was a tanner, and often used to prepare hides and furs for the Indians. At the outbreak of the Revolution he espoused the cause of the

Colonies, although a man of religious principles and strongly opposed to war. He lived in the county until his death, when the farm was divided, Casper, the grandfather of Nelson C., taking a third of the homestead. Casper Hartman lived on the farm thus obtained until his death, when his son Moses inherited the place.

Moses Hartman was born in Catawissa township, on the home farm, received the best schooling that the country schools afforded, and learned blacksmithing. He followed farming when not engaged at his trade, in the course of his life acquiring the old Hartman homestead which had been taken up by the first ancestor. He died in 1872 at the age of sixty-six, and was interred in the Friends burying ground. To his marriage with Rebecca Clayton were born four children: Harriet, wife of Nelson John; Deborah, who died young; Jane, who married J. N. Smith; and Nelson C.

Nelson C. Hartman was reared on the farm, remaining there until his twentieth year, when he made a tour through the West. Returning, he was employed by the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company four years, but gave up that work to take charge of the farm of 200 acres comprising the old Hartman homestead. Here he resided in the fourth house built on the farm and spent the remainder of his active life in agricultural pursuits. Mr. Hartman served as school director three years, was township and borough auditor, and assisted in the establishment of the first rural routes for the post office department in this county. He and his wife are both Methodists. In 1871 he married Alice M. Clark, daughter of Andrew and Anna (Boone) Clark, and granddaughter of William Boone. They have had two children, Andrew C. and Harry G. The latter enlisted in Company G, 8th Cavalry, for the Spanish-American war, and died in Cuba at the age of eighteen years. His remains are at rest in the cemetery at Catawissa.

Andrew C. Hartman married Jennie Masteller, and is the father of four children: Ralph L., Alice C., Harry N. and Eugene. He is an engineer on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad and resides at Catawissa. He has every prospect of continuing the long and honorable record of his ancestors and bequeathing to the future generations the heritage of right living that the past generations have left him.

ADELBERT R. KINGSBURY is favorably known in mercantile circles in Berwick, Columbia county, where he holds a responsible

position in the large department store of Joseph M. Schain. He has been a resident of the town since 1900, and has been in his present employ most of the time.

Mr. Kingsbury was born Dec. 22, 1878, in Huntington township, Luzerne Co., Pa., where his grandfather, Andrew Kingsbury, settled upon his removal from Connecticut. He was a son of Stephen Kingsbury. His death occurred there in 1862, and his wife, Rebecca (Woodward), also from Connecticut, passed away in 1875.

Daniel Kingsbury, son of Andrew, was born Oct. 14, 1830. He acquired a very fair education for his day, attending the Southdale school and supplementing his early advantages by a course at summer school. Farming was his life work, and he owned and cultivated a tract of seventy acres in Huntington township, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he had general farming interests until his death, which occurred there July 4, 1910. On Oct. 2, 1851, he married Lucy Esther Chapin, daughter of Ami Chapin and granddaughter of Joshua Chapin, and they became the parents of ten children: Dana William, born July 12, 1852, now a physician located at Nanticoke, Pa., married Emma Sharpless (he is greatly interested in genealogy); Gilbert C., born April 20, 1854, married Grace Dodson; Ezra A. married Emma Witt; Andrew B. married Susan Kline; Adelbert R. is mentioned below; May L. married Montrose Williams, and died April 23, 1905; Rebecca E. is the wife of A. C. Hoag; Jennie is married to H. E. Walton, Brunetta married E. B. Koons; Clara G. is the wife of John Reidel. Mr. Kingsbury was a class leader in the Methodist Church, of which he was long a prominent member, holding the offices of trustee and steward. He was associated with the Democratic party on political questions, and interested himself in the affairs of his locality, serving as school director.

The Chapin family, to which Mrs. Kingsbury belonged, is of old Connecticut stock and has been established in Huntington township, Luzerne county, for many years. Joshua Chapin's wife Hannah also came from Connecticut. Ami Chapin, Mrs. Kingsbury's father, lived in Huntington township and followed general farming, owning seventy-five acres of good land. He married May Bliss, of the same township, and their children are: Julia Ann, Mrs. Philip Watson; Sallie Emeline, Mrs. Isaac Drum; William, who married Susanna Betterly; Thomas S., who is buried in the Dodson cemetery; Hannah, deceased,

also buried in that cemetery; Lucy Esther, Mrs. Daniel Kingsbury; Ezra L., deceased, who married Melinda Hoover (he is buried at Shickshinny, Pa.); and John F., deceased, who married Mary Bademan (he is interred at Schoolcraft, Mich.). The father of this family was a Methodist in church connection. He was independent in politics, supporting the men and measures he thought right or best adapted to the needs of the hour.

Adelbert R. Kingsbury was reared in his native township, and began his education there in the common schools at New Columbus, Luzerne county, continuing his studies until about nineteen years of age. When he came to Berwick, in 1900, he first entered the employ of his brother-in-law, H. E. Walton, in the furniture business, changing from that to his present connection. He is thoroughly acquainted in the town, having joined Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., and Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and is a member of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church. Politically he is a Democrat.

In the year 1901 Mr. Kingsbury married Laura M. Kepner, and they have two children: Ernest Bruce, born April 9, 1904, and Sheldon Clark, born May 5, 1908.

Mrs. Kingsbury is a granddaughter of Daniel Kepner, who was born near Newport, in Perry county, Pa., and died in Millerstown, Pa., at the home of his eldest son, in 1900. He was an Evangelical minister at Salem, Mt. Zion and surrounding points and traveled over much of the country. He married Leah Christ, and their children were: James Harvey; Levi, who married Anna Black, now deceased and buried at Millerstown; Anna, wife of Charles Hass; John C., who married Lydia Myers (deceased) and (second) Ella Stackhouse; Daniel A., a minister, who married Jennie Hoch; Harriet, wife of Nicholas Frey; Norah, wife of Adam Stettman; William, who married Maria Shelley; Jacob, married to Mary Sweffler; and George, married to Mary Seeley.

James Harvey Kepner was born June 12, 1850, in Juniata county, Pa., and died March 4, 1889, in Berwick. After his school days he learned the carpenter's trade and worked in the powder mill at Wapwallopen. In 1882 he came to Berwick and entered the wood car shop of the Jackson & Woodin plant, when William Faust was superintendent, retiring from active labor in 1888. He married Emma Frances Frease, born Oct. 17, 1853, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Sloyer) Frease, and they had children as follows: Bruce A.; Samuel F., who married Emma

Kisner; and Laura Mabel, who married Adelbert R. Kingsbury. The parents were members of the Evangelical Church. The father was a Republican in politics and fraternally was connected with Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta, at Berwick.

WILLIAM T. LOVETT, until recently engaged in business at Danville as proprietor of a livery stable, was born in that city Sept. 25, 1877, son of William Lovett.

William Lovett, the father, was a native of Ireland, and came to the United States while still unmarried, locating at Danville, Pa., where he became a teamster connected with the iron works, so continuing until his death, in 1880. He married Anna Gill, who was also born in Ireland, and was brought to this country by a brother, her parents, Thomas and Bridget Gill, following some time later. Mr. Gill became a gardener. William Lovett and his wife had three children: Mary, who is at home; Elizabeth, who married Simon Ellenboger, a tailor of Danville, Pa.; and William T.

William T. Lovett went to school until he was ten years old, and then found employment in the Danville iron works. Three years later he secured employment in another line, and continued to work for others until 1904, when he established himself in the grocery business, conducting same until 1910. Then he sold out and became a liveryman. He continued in that line until March, 1913, when he sold the business.

The first wife of Mr. Lovett was Elizabeth Sawinski, a daughter of Augustus Sawinski, and she bore him a daughter, Anna, now (1914) aged nine years. Mrs. Lovett died in 1905, when but twenty-three years old. The second wife of Mr. Lovett bore the maiden name of Ella Moore, and she was the widow of Patrick Brannen at the time of her marriage to Mr. Lovett. There are no children by this marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Lovett are members of St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He belongs to the A. O. H., No. 1, of Danville. A substantial and public-spirited citizen, he is deserving of a place in a work of this character.

JOHN FRANKLIN KEINER, foreman of the mine wheel shop of the American Car and Foundry Company, was born in Beach Haven, Luzerne county, Feb. 18, 1872. He is a son of William and Rebecca (Weiss) Keiner, who are residents of Beach Haven.

William Keiner was born in Greenwood, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he learned the trade



of shoemaker, which he followed for a number of years. He then opened a general store at Beach Haven, conducting it for fifteen years, after which time he retired. Mr. Keiner was married to Rebecca, daughter of John Weiss, a farmer of Salem township, and the family consisted of the following children: Harvey I., who married Addie Shiner; John F.; Forrest M., who married Florence Callender; Paul W., who married Martha Wilson; Sterling S., who married Blanche Campbell; Emma M., who married Arthur McClosky; Walter S., who died in infancy; and Elizabeth, who died at the age of fourteen years. Mr. Keiner is a Republican, and served as justice of the peace in Salem township. He is an active member of the Methodist Church, and was honored with election to all the offices in the gift of the congregation.

John F. Keiner attended the public schools of his native place and later entered Wyoming Seminary, at Kingston, Pa., graduating in the commercial course in 1889. He then went to Bloomsburg, Pa., and became bookkeeper for Alexander Brothers, dealers in tobaccos. After a short time Mr. Keiner decided to learn the trade of molder, and entered the employ of A. Z. Schoch, in the desk works, serving an apprenticeship of three years. He then became a regular employee of the firm, and remained for five years. After two years' employment in the Danville Stove Works he returned to his former place, where he remained another two years. He then opened a shop for himself in Sunbury, called the Angle Works, where he carried on a general foundry and light machine work. Remaining there for one year, he came to Berwick and entered the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company as a journeyman molder in the mine wheel department. After serving in this capacity for two years he was made foreman of the department, which position he still holds.

Mr. Keiner was married Nov. 5, 1895, to Elizabeth Miller, born in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, Sept. 30, 1872, daughter of John K. and Emma (Bower) Miller. They have no children. Mr. and Mrs. Keiner are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Keiner is a Republican in politics. In fraternal connection he holds membership in Theta Castle, No. 276, Knights of the Golden Eagle, Bloomsburg, and the Berwick Beneficial Association.

John K. Miller, the father of Mrs. Keiner, was born in Foundryville, and received his

education at the public schools and Columbia Academy in Luzerne county. When a young man he served as a clerk and later went to farming, which occupation he now follows in Luzerne county. He was married to Emma Bower, a descendant of one of the oldest families of this section, and they have had the following children: Maud, who married Wesley Richards; Elizabeth, Mrs. J. F. Keiner; Charles; Sallie, who married William Pollock; Victor, who married Maud Bower; Joseph; Elmer; Elliott, who married Loretta Robert; Ada, who married Robert Pollock; and Harry. Mr. Miller is a Republican, and has served as supervisor in Salem township. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Methodist Church of Berwick.

SAMUEL B. JOHNSON, watchman for the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, Pa., was born in the village of Light Street, Columbia county, April 14, 1846, son of Stephen C. and Susanna (Erwine) Johnson.

Stephen C. Johnson was born in Rhode Island, Nov. 9, 1805, settled in Luzerne county, Pa., and later moved to Light Street, Columbia county. He took contracts for well digging. On June 1, 1832, he married Susanna Erwine, born Oct. 8, 1805, a daughter of William Erwine, an early settler in this section. The following children were born to them: George W., who married Phoebe Weiss; Mason Cray, a resident of Berwick, who married Sarah Elizabeth Smith (deceased) and (second) Laura Smith, a sister of his first wife; Stephen, who died while serving in the Civil war; Samuel B., who married Frances Augusta Price; Harriet, who married Emanuel Ruckle, deceased, of Wanamie, Pa.; Richard, of Light Street, who married Jane Hilday, and Sarah, who married Alexander Kramer, of Rohrsburg, Columbia county. Mr. Johnson and his wife attended the Evangelical Church at Light Street, and both are buried in that village.

Samuel B. Johnson was reared in his native place and attended the local schools. Then he followed iron ore mining for some years with McKelvey & Neal, near Bloomsburg. In 1884 he came to Berwick and entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, now the American Car and Foundry Company, and worked in the iron house for many years. When he retired from hard labor he was, in 1910, appointed to his present position with the company. Mr. Johnson was married to Frances Augusta Price, a

daughter of John and Julia Ann (Dietterich) Price. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had the following children: Addie Julia, born Aug. 4, 1875, died Sept. 3, 1877; John Stephen, born May 1, 1877, died May 29, 1881; Reagan Blain is mentioned below.

Mr. Johnson has never been very active in politics. He is a member of Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta, in which he takes much interest, and both he and his wife attend the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church. He is the owner of a fine home on Mulberry street.

Mrs. Johnson was born Jan. 2, 1847, in Nescopeck township, Luzerne Co., Pa., where her father, John Price, who was born in Berks county, Oct. 5, 1817, owned a large farm, which he operated for some years. Selling this farm when his daughter Frances was a small child, he moved to Briarcreek township, Columbia county, where he continued farming for a number of years, finally moving to Berwick and entering the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, with whom he remained until his health failed, when he retired. During the last year of the Rebellion he served in Company H, 178th Regiment, until the close of the war. He married Julia Ann Dietterich, who was born April 12, 1817, in Luzerne county, a daughter of John Dietterich, a teacher of German and English. John Price and wife had the following children: Mary Ann, who married Jonah Townsend, of Light Street; Elizabeth, who is the widow of John Sitler, and resides in Berwick; and Frances Augusta, Mrs. Johnson. Mr. Price was a Republican, and he and his wife were members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Price died in Berwick, April 7, 1892, and his wife died in Light Street, Aug. 8, 1883. They are buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick.

REAGAN B. JOHNSON, only surviving child of Samuel B. Johnson, was born April 23, 1884, in Light Street, Columbia county, and was educated in the public schools of Berwick, being a graduate of the Berwick high school, class of 1903. After graduation he entered the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company as clerk in the blacksmith shop, under Frank Faust, then superintendent of that department. He made a trip to England with Bruce Dietterick, Raymond Raber and Ray Shives. The American Car and Foundry Company having manufactured a number of passenger coaches for an English railway company, he remained in England as

chief clerk to Mr. Dietterick, who had charge of the installation of the consignment. Returning to America, he entered the auditing department of the American Car and Foundry Company, under Local Auditor Frank Long, a position he is still occupying. He was married to Mary Nevada O'Brien, who was born Feb. 26, 1889, in Wilkesbarre, and is a daughter of Michael and Eleanor J. (Hotenstein) O'Brien. Michael O'Brien was at the time of his death a retired railroad employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was a veteran of the Civil war.

Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Johnson: Doris Augusta, born Oct. 10, 1909, and Naomi Jane, born July 8, 1914. Mr. Johnson is a Republican, but has never sought public office. He is commander of Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta, and is sultan of Anak Siesta, No. 77, Princes of Bagdad, an appendant order of the Knights of Malta. He and his wife are members of the Bower Memorial Church at Berwick.

JONATHAN McCLELLAN BELLES, carpenter and contractor at Berwick, Pa., has been living in the borough for over twenty years and has established a profitable business since he began taking work on his own account. The family has been settled in Columbia county for many years.

Adam Belles, grandfather of J. McClellan Belles, was a farmer near Van Camp, in Fishingcreek township, owning 150 acres at that location, as well as a farm of 100 acres in Benton township. He cleared both tracts and put up the original log buildings thereon, and he carried on general farming. The following children were born to him and his wife Charlotte (Yaple): Julia Ann married Henry Sitler, who is deceased; George W. married Mary Ann Yaple, and both are deceased; John married Mary Lockard, who is deceased; Savilla married William Royer, who is deceased; Daniel married Rebecca Kline, and both are deceased; Andrew J. married Mary Zelfiff; Isaac married Frances Santee; Franklin P. married Rebecca Wiley, who is deceased.

George W. Belles was born July 31, 1835, at Van Camp, Fishingcreek township, where he grew up and had common school advantages. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army, Oct. 30, 1862, from Van Camp, was mustered in at Harrisburg, Pa., serving in Company A, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged at Harrisburg Nov. 22, 1862, on surgeon's cer-

tificate. By trade he was a carpenter, and he followed that calling all over his section, being a successful contractor for many years. His death occurred Aug. 4, 1905, and he is buried at New Columbus, Pa. To his marriage with Mary Ann Yapple, who was born Dec. 18, 1835, daughter of Daniel Yapple, of York county, Pa., and died July 2, 1907, eight children were born: Jonathan McClellan; Emma Catherine, born Feb. 8, 1864; Warren Wellington, born Oct. 26, 1865, who married Elizabeth Phillips and has children, Hazel, Margaret and Donald; Robert Wesley, born Jan. 20, 1869, deceased; Agnes Theodosia, born Jan. 20, 1869, widow of Lewis Stoker; George Clark, born Nov. 24, 1870, who married Matilda Miller and has had children, Elsie, Ethel, Gertrude, Grace, Victor, William, Huldah (deceased), and Alice; Minerva Grace, born April 9, 1873, who is married to Stanley Stoker and has had children, Howard Jay (deceased), Lloyd and Fred; and Robert Rush, born Dec. 27, 1874.

J. McClellan Belles was born Sept. 15, 1862, at Van Camp, in Fishingcreek township, and had common school opportunities in his boyhood. He moved with the family to New Columbus, and when old enough started to learn his father's calling, which has also been his life work. In 1893 he moved to Berwick, where he found employment as a carpenter with Boyd H. Dodson, and he has become known as one of the most reliable carpenters in the borough, his substantial and conscientious work being his best recommendation. Since coming to Berwick he has devoted practically all his time to his business, but while at New Columbus he also took some part in public affairs, having held the offices of constable and councilman. He is a Democrat in political association. Mr. Belles is a leading member of the Christian Church, in which he officiates as elder. Socially he is a member of Col. A. D. Seely Camp, No. 25, Sons of Veterans.

On July 11, 1885, Mr. Belles married Harriet Williams, of Town Line, Luzerne Co., Pa., who was born Jan. 13, 1866, and they had a family of thirteen children, born as follows: Bruce D., Feb. 23, 1886; Annie, Sept. 7, 1887 (married Clarence White); Howard Eugene, Dec. 26, 1888 (married Pauline Squires); Lena Agnes, Dec. 16, 1890 (died Jan. 20, 1912; married Thomas Atherholdt and had children, Ruth and Donald, both now deceased, the mother and two children being buried at Forty Fort, Pa.); Lulu Grace, March 14, 1892; Dora, Feb. 10, 1894; Mark Lewis, Dec. 9, 1897; Jay McClellan, Oct. 12, 1899;

George Law, May 5, 1901; Cleo Harriet, Jan. 31, 1903; Russell Randolph, April 13, 1904 (buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick); Lona Violet Fern, Feb. 10, 1907 (died Sept. 12, 1913, buried in Pine Grove cemetery); James Frederick, March 27, 1908.

Mrs. Harriet (Williams) Belles was born Jan. 13, 1866, and died April 10, 1908. She is buried at Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick. The Williams family has been a race of farming people, owning large quantities of land and following general agriculture. They were located at Waterton, Luzerne Co., Pa., where Mrs. Belles's grandparents, Severhill and Sofrona (Monroe) Williams, are buried. Her parents, Matthias and Matilda (Masters) Williams, were residents of Town Line, that county. They had children as follows: Harriet, Mrs. Belles; Dora, Mrs. Frank B. Chase; Charles, who married a Miss Williams; Henry; and William, who was killed on the railroad.

ISAAC B. ABRAMS, a shirt manufacturer of Berwick, Columbia county, was born in Girardville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Sept. 9, 1874, a son of Abram and Margaret (Watkins) Abrams.

Abram Abrams was born in Wales, as was his wife, and they were married in their native land, afterwards coming to the United States and locating at Girardville, Pa., where the father was engaged in mining, thus continuing until his death in 1908. He and his wife had five children born to them in Wales and four after coming to this country, the family being: William, who resides at Girardville, Pa.; Evan, also of Girardville; Mary, who married Nicholas Blass, of Camden, N. J.; James, who is a resident of Fern Glen, Pa.; Septemus, who is a resident of Berwick, in the employ of his brother, Isaac; Margaret, who is at home; Emma, who married George Natrass, of Girardville; Isaac B.; and Henry, of Girardville.

Isaac B. Abrams was educated in the public schools of his native place, and learned the tailor's trade, specializing on cutting. For seven years he conducted a tailoring establishment at Girardville, and then going to Lancaster county continued in that line for three years more. In 1902 he came to Berwick and bought the business owned by the Berwick Shirt Company, which employed twenty people. Under Mr. Abrams' capable management the volume of business increased to such an extent that additions were necessary, and the plant is now thoroughly modern, with the

latest machinery and appliances. This is one of the leading industries of Berwick, as well as one of the largest shirt factories in Pennsylvania, employment being given to sixty-eight people. Mr. Abrams makes a specialty of the manufacture of men's fine shirts, his output averaging seven hundred dozen per week. A man of action, he is one of the leading business men of Berwick, and his success is well merited, for he has worked hard for it. He is unmarried.

EDWIN M. KOCHER, the assistant paymaster of the American Car and Foundry Company, was born Dec. 22, 1876, at Plymouth Meeting, Montgomery Co., Pa., where his father was pastor of the Cold Point Church.

David Kocher, the founder of the family in this country, was a native of Germany, born April 23, 1792, and came to the United States while a young man, settling in Philadelphia. He married Sarah Cawley, a Quaker, Feb. 13, 1814. From Philadelphia he came to Columbia county and purchased 100 acres of land in Centre township, for which he paid four dollars per acre, and there he spent his life, improving and cultivating the tract. He was twice married, the children of his first marriage being Samuel, James, Henry, Hannah, Thomas, Harriet and Mary. The children of his second marriage were Abraham and David.

James Kocher, the grandfather of Edwin M. Kocher, was born in Centre township, where he engaged in farming. He was married to Sarah, daughter of Henry Dietrick, and she bore him the following children: Sabina, Rolandus, Thomas C., Isabella, Adoniram J., Samantha and Levi.

Rolandus Kocher, father of Edwin M. Kocher, was born on the home farm, and after attaining his majority began his preparation for the ministry, graduating at Lewisburg College and Crozier Seminary in 1872. He was ordained the following year, and was given a pastorate at Muhlenburg, where he remained for three years. He then went to Cold Point Church, at Plymouth Meeting, whence after a stay of six years, 1874-80, he was transferred to Muncy, Pa., remaining for four years. He then went to Dundee, N. Y., where he not only filled the pulpit but assisted in teaching the students at the academy of that place. While at Dundee he lost the use of his voice to such an extent that he had to discontinue his pastoral duties, but continued teaching. Later, in the fall of 1889, he returned to

Columbia county, where he followed farming and teaching until in 1908 he retired from active work. He was a most honored member of the Baptist ministry.

On Jan. 27, 1874, Mr. Kocher was married to Harriet Rebecca Wood, daughter of James Wood, of Muhlenburg, Luzerne Co., Pa. Their children are as follows: James W., a resident of Dorranceton, Pa.; Edwin M., mentioned below; Sarah F., who married Franklin Flitcraft, living at Woodstown, N. J.; Rolandus D., who married Elsie Evans and is now living at Scranton; Charles H., deceased; Frank T., a graduate of Pennsylvania University, as a veterinary; Paul V., a graduate of West Chester Normal School, now teaching in Ohio; Walter T., a graduate of Valparaiso (Ind.) University, and teaching in Idaho; Ruth H., a graduate of the West Chester Normal School, now a teacher in Pennsylvania; and Carleton, deceased. Mrs. Kocher died Jan. 16, 1898, and is buried in the cemetery at Fowlerville, Columbia county.

Edwin M. Kocher attended public school and finished his schooling in the academy at Dundee, N. Y. He lived with his parents on the farm, working with his father, until he entered the employ of the Jackson Woodin Company, in the mills. He soon was transferred to the paymaster's department, and has remained there since, being gradually promoted until he attained his present position.

On Dec. 8, 1898, Mr. Kocher was married to M. Elizabeth, daughter of Hiram F. Bower, one of the well known citizens of Centre township. They have had children as follows: Geraldine Harriet, born Oct. 15, 1899; Hiram Rolandus, born Nov. 22, 1901; Edwin Russel, born Jan. 15, 1905; and Frances Wood, born Sept. 26, 1909.

In politics Mr. Kocher is a Republican, and he takes an active interest in his party's welfare. He has served on the school board of West Berwick, and also as tax collector. He is a member of the Baptist Church, in which he has held various offices and is now trustee, and also takes an active part in the Sunday school movement; he is president of District No. 1 of the Sunday School Association.

GEORGE W. WELLIVER, superintendent of the Bloomsburg Water Company, was born in Madison township, Columbia Co., Pa., Feb. 27, 1848, a son of William Welliver.

Jacob Welliver, his grandfather, came from New Jersey to what is now Madison township, Columbia Co., Pa., where he spent the remainder of his life, working at his trade

of cooper. He died there when eighty-eight years old. Among his children were: Ezra, Abraham, John and William.

William Welliver, son of Jacob, and father of George W., was born in Madison township, Columbia county, and spent his life in agricultural pursuits. He married Jemima Johnston, and they had children: Theodore, Maria, Rosetta, Christine, Catherine, Martha Jane, Rebecca, a daughter that died in infancy, George W. and Elmira.

George W. Welliver attended the local schools, and grew up amid healthy surroundings, assisting his father in the farm work. He then engaged with A. W. Brandon in sawing lumber, continuing in this line for eleven years in Dauphin, Lycoming, Juniata, Schuylkill and Mifflin counties. On July 4, 1888, Mr. Welliver left the lumbering business to assume charge of the Bloomsburg Water Company, with which he has since remained as superintendent. Owing to his conscientious desire to attend faithfully to the work of his position, he devotes all his time and attention to it. He is a Democrat, but has never desired to enter public life.

Mr. Welliver married Sara E. Richart, a daughter of William and Nancy (Carrathers) Richart, and children as follows were born of this marriage: Cora, Foster, Mae, Clyde, Nora, Clayton, Christine, Harold and Miriam. Of these, Clayton is an engineer at the water plant, as is Harold. The family are Baptists by faith, and attend the church of that denomination most convenient to their home.

FRANK ELMER WENNER, who has a thriving livery business at West Berwick, belongs to a family of German stock which has been settled in Pennsylvania since Provincial days. The emigrant ancestor came to this country before the Revolution. He acquired some property, and when he sold it took his pay in Continental currency, losing all.

Christian Wenner, son of the emigrant ancestor, was born in Snyder county, Pa., served as a soldier during the Revolution, and after the war settled for a time on his farm in his native county. Later he moved to Butler township, Luzerne county, where he died. His children were: Jacob, Andrew, Daniel, George, Christian, Leonard, Jonas, Catherine, Regina and Barbara.

Jacob Wenner, son of Christian, born in Snyder county in April, 1786, died in September, 1865. He enlisted during the war of 1812, which closed, however, before his command had any opportunity for active service.

He was sixteen years old when he moved to Luzerne county with his parents, and he continued to work for his father and other farmers until twenty-seven years of age, at the time of his marriage buying a farm in Luzerne county upon which he lived for five years. His father-in-law having bought a tract of three hundred acres in Columbia county, Mr. Wenner followed him to this section in 1817 and purchased one hundred acres of said property; later he bought 118 acres more. This was the place afterwards occupied by his son John, and he put up a house thereon and passed the remainder of his life engaged in the cultivation and development of his land. A prominent member of the Van Camp German Reformed Church, which he served for years as deacon and elder, he was a most respected citizen of his locality, his honest, upright life entitling him to the esteem in which he was held.

Mr. Wenner married Elizabeth Beishline, who was born in March, 1795, daughter of Michael Beishline, of Butler township, and died in March, 1865, just a few days before the close of her seventieth year. She was a member of the same church as her husband. To them were born the following children: Jacob; John; Daniel, of Fishingcreek township; Magdalena, Mrs. Benjamin Hess; Susanna, Mrs. Elias Pealer; and Elizabeth and Sarah, both of whom died young.

John Wenner, second son of Jacob, was born Oct. 2, 1816, in Butler township, Luzerne county, and was but an infant when brought to Fishingcreek township, Columbia county. He always resided within a mile of the place where he was brought up, at the time of his marriage removing to a farm adjoining his father's, which he had purchased. After eleven years' residence there he bought a farm on the other side of his father's, and lived there nine years. Then he bought the home farm, which his brother Daniel had inherited, and remained on that place to the end of his days. Mr. Wenner always led a quiet and unassuming life. Though he never attempted to take an active part in local politics his fellow citizens had such confidence in his judgment and ability that he was elected to numerous township offices. He was one of the organizers of the Fishing Creek Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and served as treasurer. For forty years he was an elder and deacon in the German Reformed Church, of which he and his wife were zealous members. His unselfish devotion to the welfare of his fellow

men in the various responsibilities he undertook won him the admiration and good will of all who came in contact with him, and justified the position of influence he held.

On Aug. 10, 1838, Mr. Wenner married Eva Cope, who died April 9, 1856, eight of the nine children born to them surviving her. Matilda died previously, the others being: Rachel, wife of Charles Kindig; Michael, married to Rosanna M. Hosler; Elias, married to Susanna Bender; Margaret, widow of Leonard Kline; Jacob, who married Elizabeth Robbins; Susanna, wife of J. Ogden Wilson; Sarah, wife of Wesley Eveland, of Huntington township, Luzerne county; and Melinda, wife of Joseph Deitrich, all residents of Fishingcreek township except Sarah. On June 13, 1858, Mr. Wenner married, as his second wife, Sarah, widow of William Kauff and daughter of Jacob Huntsinger, of Sullivan county. She was born June 22, 1814. No children came to this union. Mrs. Wenner had two children by her first husband: Amelia Ann, wife of Simon Myers, residing in Williamsport; and David, who married Charlotte Hartman, and became a merchant at Bendertown.

Elias Wenner, son of John, was born June 15, 1843, on his father's farm in Fishingcreek township. At the age of eighteen he went to Light Street, and later to Berwick, where he learned the trade of blacksmith. On completing his apprenticeship he opened a shop at Bendertown, which he conducted eight years. He then abandoned the trade and removed to the farm about a mile west of Bendertown, which property he had previously purchased from Henry Schaeffer, and there has since resided. In 1879 he built an elegant and commodious residence. On Jan. 1, 1867, Mr. Wenner married Susanna Bender, daughter of Aaron Bender, of Fishingcreek township. Mrs. Wenner was born April 30, 1844, within half a mile of where she now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Wenner have had six children: Forrester C., born Oct. 26, 1867, died Jan. 17, 1869; Herbie B. was born Jan. 16, 1869; Martha A., July 18, 1871; John W., Oct. 14, 1874; Frank E., March 12, 1877; and William Clarence, May 15, 1881. Mr. Wenner and his wife are members of St. James Reformed Church at Van Camp.

Frank Elmer Wenner was born March 12, 1877, in Fishingcreek township, where he grew to manhood. He was educated in the Zaner public school. In his earlier years he helped his father, who had a farm of one hundred acres, and at the age of twenty-one years be-

gan farming for himself. Subsequently he went to Benton and farmed on the Karns place, thence removing to Berwick, where he became an employee in the finishing department of the American Car & Foundry Company's plant, under C. J. Hoppes. After a short period there he embarked in the livery business, which he has conducted successfully to the present time. By enterprising methods and careful attention to the requirements of his patrons Mr. Wenner has established a profitable custom, and he well merits his prosperity. Like his parents he is a member of the German Reformed Church. He is a Democrat, and has taken some interest in local affairs, having served as member of the West Berwick board of school directors. He belongs to the Odd Fellows lodge at New Columbus.

Mr. Wenner married Hettie Carolla De Witt, of Benton, who was born Oct. 12, 1878, and they had six children: Darcy Alton, born Oct. 21, 1897; Clarence Doyle, Oct. 31, 1899; a child that died in infancy unnamed, and was buried at St. James; Nellie Irene, Sept. 8, 1901; Helene Arline, Aug. 2, 1905; Marjorie Kathleen, Dec. 22, 1909. Mrs. Wenner died Nov. 4, 1911, and is buried in St. James cemetery. Mr. Wenner's second marriage, on Dec. 7, 1912, was to Anna Rebecca Larish, who was born March 9, 1890, daughter of James and Tillie (Roberts) Larish, of Benton, and granddaughter of Shepherd Larish, a farmer of Benton township. He first married a Robinson, and second Mrs. Rosie (Shultes) Lunger. All his children were by the first union: James; Perry, who married Fanny Summers; Otto, who married Mary Kiefer; Fannie, who married Will Lutz and (second) James Shults; Emma, Mrs. McClellan Fritz; Mary, Mrs. Clinton Parks, and Clara.

James Larish married Tillie Roberts and they had children as follows: Ole A., who married Edna Harvey, and had children, Catherine, Harry, Harvey, Ethel and Pauline; Stella; Ella, who married Frank Kiefer and had John, Robert and Joseph (the last named is buried in Roselawn cemetery); Anna Rebecca, Mrs. Wenner; Pollie, who married Harry Van Horn and had Franklin, James and Joseph; and Benjamin, who married Ethel Diamond and had Evelyn, James, Doyle, Fannie, Frank, Joseph and William. The mother of this family passed away May 28, 1914, aged fifty-one years, three months.

The De Witts are descended from John De Witt, who lived in New Jersey. His children were: James, who died in Greenwood town-

ship, Columbia county; Nellie, who was the wife of John Case, of Northumberland county, where she died; Sarah, wife of J. R. Patten, who died in Greenwood township (her husband lived to be over ninety years of age, and resided at Light Street); Elizabeth, who was the wife of Isaac Kline, and died in Augusta township; and Isaac.

Isaac De Witt was reared in Northumberland county, where he learned the trade of wagonmaker, which he followed until a short time before his death, in July, 1877. He lived in Scott, Orange and Greenwood townships, Columbia county, but died in Light Street while on a visit. He was an honest man, and respected by all who knew him. For many years he was justice of the peace, was also a tax collector, and had taken the census of the county. Late in life he became a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife had long been a member. He was twice married; his first wife, whose maiden name was Haughwaut, died a few years after marriage, leaving one child, John, who died at Light Street. His second wife was Nancy Stewart, the daughter of James Stewart, who then resided at Light Street, and she died Nov. 8, 1876, a few months before her husband. They had children as follows: Dorcas died young; Amanda was the wife of Jacob Terwillinger, of Light Street, where she died; Clinton K. is mentioned below; William died leaving two children; Joseph P. lived in Rohrsburg; three died in childhood; James M. was the second son.

Clinton K. De Witt, eldest son of Isaac by his second marriage, was born in Scott township June 25, 1837. In early life he began working on a farm, and always followed agricultural pursuits. Remaining at home until his marriage, he then rented a farm in Greenwood township, on which he resided for two years. At the end of that time he moved to Centralia and followed the butchering business for three years, and on his return to Greenwood township worked on farms for six years, finally renting a farm on which he resided three years. Then for six or seven years he was engaged in huckstering, after that settling on the farm of his brother James, in Fishingcreek township. Mr. De Witt was devoted to his work, giving all his attention to his farm, and he cared nothing for public honors. Though elected justice of the peace for a five years' term he resigned at the end of one year's service.

On Jan. 31, 1860, Mr. De Witt married Emily J. Musgrave, who was born Jan. 8,

1842, in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, and died June 14, 1884. She was the mother of ten children, namely: Norman M. married Dora McMichael; William died when four years old; Dorcas A., deceased, who married Freas Bower, is buried in Summer Hill cemetery, in Columbia county; Ida May married Clarence W. Yost, son of David, of Van Camp, and they had six children, Irene (Mrs. Sheldon Jones), Stanley (who married Bertel Tubbs), Lillian (deceased, who is buried in St. James cemetery), Nevin, John and David; Minnie P. married D. N. McHenry, and they have had children, Leatha, Llewellyn, Freas (married a Miss Lynch, who is deceased and buried in Pine Grove cemetery), Zender, Zurban (who is buried at Benton), Faye, Sheldon and Paul; Isaac M. married Sibyle ———; Amanda M. is the widow of Gibb Robertson, who is buried at Danville; Henry C. married Stella Larish and has one child, Clinton; Hettie Carolla was the first wife of Frank E. Wenner; Paul H. married Blanch Davis, and they have had Harry, Geneva, and one child yet unnamed at this writing.

WILLIAM E. CREASEY, a farmer of Franklin township, Columbia county, was born Nov. 1, 1866, son of John F. and Mary Etta (Frey) Creasey, and grandson of Levi Creasey.

Levi Creasey lived in Mifflin township, Columbia county, where he became a farmer. His death occurred on his property and he and his wife are laid to rest in the little graveyard in Mifflinville. They had but one child, John F.

John F. Creasey was born in Mifflin township, and after spending his immature years on a farm went to Brandonville when he had attained to manhood's estate, there conducting a lumber business and hotel for a number of years. Later he lived in Main township, Columbia county, where for a time he resumed his farming activities, and eventually he located at Catawissa, where his death occurred. He is buried in the same cemetery as his parents and his first wife. They had children as follows: Martha, Minnie, Harvey, George and Emerson.

William E. Creasey remained with his parents until thirty years of age, after which he rented property until 1909, when he bought his present place of forty-seven acres. He devotes this land to truck farming and fruit growing, marketing his produce in the coal regions.

Mr. Creasey married Harriet Clayton, a

daughter of Wellington Clayton, of Franklin township, and they are the parents of the following children: John Wellington; George B.; William Ross, who is a teacher in one of the Franklin township schools; Ella Mae; Harold H., and Sarah Ethel.

A strong Democrat, Mr. Creasey has served as a school director for some time, rendering the board efficient aid, for he realizes the worth of the public school system, as his only educational advantages were those offered in the common schools. The Lutheran Church holds his membership, and he is one of its generous supporters.

JOHN A. DILDINE, of Greenwood township, Columbia county, has been engaged in farming all his life, and his success bespeaks intelligent and well directed industry. He belongs to an old and highly respected family of the county, being a great-grandson of John Dildine and a grandson of Andrew Dildine, who was born near Bloomsburg. The latter married Ruth Bogart, daughter of Abram and Margaret (Creeger) Bogart, and they had a family of ten children, four sons and six daughters: Elizabeth Ann, Abraham B., John O., Margaret, Jacob, Isaiah, Amanda, Sarah J., Mary E. and Ruth.

Abraham B. Dildine, father of John A. Dildine, was born May 27, 1816, on the Reichard farm, where he lived until thirteen years old. At the age of twenty-one years he began to learn the carpenter's trade, and he followed it as a journeyman for several years, until he felt competent to begin contracting on his own account. He built up an extensive business in that line. Thus he continued until the death of his first wife, when he gave up the work and turned his attention to farming, in order to be with his children more, but he resumed his old occupation after a time, taking three of his sons into partnership, and their connection with the building business all told covered a period of forty-seven years. Mr. Dildine bought his farm, which was in Orange township, at what is now Welliversville, when his son John was twelve years old. His first marriage was to Louisa Knorr, who like himself was of German descent, and they had a family of nine children: John A. is the eldest; Ruth C. married Harmon Crawford, who is farming in Kansas; Celestia A. is the wife of James Powers; Sarah M., of Bloomsburg, is the wife of U. C. Oblosser; Anna, widow of Theodore Farber, lives in Greenwood township; George W., a builder, of Kansas City, is married; Dora J. is married to Peter Wist, a

merchant, and lives at Brooklyn, N. Y.; Joseph Clark is deceased; Retta, who lives in Orange township, Columbia county, is the widow of Floyd Oman. The mother of this family died suddenly April 26, 1878, of heart disease; she was a member of the Methodist Church. In June, 1883, Mr. Dildine was married to Mrs. Eliza Freece, who was born in Columbia county, daughter of Henry Hommel. Mr. and Mrs. Dildine were members of the M. E. Church. He was a member of the Grange, and a Democrat in his political connections.

John A. Dildine was born March 22, 1846, and was educated in the public schools, attending in the home vicinity. He was only twelve years old when his father bought a farm, and as he took to agricultural work pursued it from the time he was old enough to be of real assistance. Now he has a valuable place of his own in Greenwood township, and gives practically all his time to its cultivation, which is carried on with modern methods and system. However he has given some attention to local public affairs, having served as member of the Millville town council, in which body he did faithful work for his fellow citizens.

On Feb. 4, 1869, Mr. Dildine was united in marriage with Margaret Moore, daughter of John Moore, a farmer of Greenwood township, whose family consisted of four children, one son and three daughters. Mrs. Dildine died Sept. 20, 1912, and on Sept. 24, 1914, Mr. Dildine married (second) Hannah Ikeler, of Greenwood. By the first union there were two children (1) Minnie Louisa is the wife of Walter Titman, of Iola, Greenwood township, who is a lumberman by occupation. Their three children are: Roy, who works with his father (he married Edna Dorwalt); Frank, who graduated from the Bloomsburg State Normal School in June, 1913; and Earl, born June 19, 1897. (2) McElroy is a farmer in Greenwood township. He married Cora Strauser, of the same township, and they have two children: Margaret, born Sept. 6, 1900, and John Franklin, born in 1903. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church.

GEORGE HENKELMAN, of Berwick, Columbia county, is a respected citizen of that place, where he has resided since 1903. He is a butcher by trade, and has been employed in the meat department of the Berwick Store Company since he settled here.

Mr. Henkelman is of German descent, his father, George H. Henkelman, having been



born at Dornburg, in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, June 17, 1833, son of Henry and Elizabeth (Karl) Henkelman, the latter dying the day of his birth. Henry Henkelman was a soldier for thirty-three years, serving throughout the campaign against Napoleon I. When not in the army he followed mining, and also worked as a weaver. George H. Henkelman lived with his father until he came to America, at the age of eighteen years. He learned the butcher's trade. He came to this country with some friends, proceeding from his native town to Bremen, at which port he embarked in a sailing vessel bound for Baltimore, arriving after a stormy voyage of forty-one days, June 15, 1852. The vessel was in a collision on the way. The day after landing he went over to Philadelphia, thence going to Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he found work in the mines for about seven months. His next employment was in the chemical works of Dornemann & Matener, the senior member of which firm was a relation of Mr. Henkelman, and he continued with them a year and a half, when he returned to work in the mines, being thus engaged for some time. Removing to Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, he worked several months in the mines at that point, and then resumed his trade, in the shop of Thomas Brod. After six or eight months with him he went to Buffalo, N. Y., in the latter part of March, 1856, and became a freight handler for the Western Transportation Company, loading and unloading canalboats. In October, 1856, he went to Stockton, Luzerne county, and took up butchering again, in the employ of William Trescott, and later for the coal company of Packer, Carder & Linderman. On his return thence to Tamaqua he was in the mines for a time and then at his trade for three years, at the end of which period he moved to Hazleton, and engaged in the butcher business for himself. He conducted the business four years there, and for the sixteen years following had a shop at Jeddo, Luzerne county. On Oct. 14, 1882, he settled on the farm in Centre township, Columbia county, which he purchased in 1874, and which comprised nearly seventy-two acres located near Lime Ridge. He now lives in Berwick. Mr. Henkelman has been one of the most respected residents of his section. He and his wife attend the Lutheran and German Reformed services in Briarcreek township. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Lodge No. 65, and to German Lodge, No. 79, both of Hazleton, and has passed all the chairs

in the German Lodge. In political sentiment he is a Republican.

On Oct. 4, 1857, Mr. Henkelman married, at Tamaqua, Anna Elizabeth Stein, and nine children have been born to this union: Anna S., who married Adam Fernau (they live at Hazleton, Luzerne county); George; Alice, who married George Weigand Jan. 25, 1887, and lives at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Matilda; Henrietta; Augusta; Clara; and Cassie and Lizzie, both of whom died in March, 1886, just twelve days apart.

The Steins came from near Eisenach, Saxony. Michael Stein, Mrs. Henkelman's father, died in 1883, near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and her mother, whose maiden name was Shaffer, died when she was a little girl. They had the following children: Gertrude married Henry Stein; Simon married Catherine E. Beck; Anna Elizabeth married George H. Henkelman; Anna Savina married John Semmer; Christopher married Mary Greising, and they settled in Kansas; Anna Savina (2) married Henry Miller, (second) Adolph Hawkie (also deceased), and (third) George Stein (deceased). Of this family Mrs. Semmer lived for a number of years at Wanamie, Luzerne county, and spent her last years in California at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Cullen, where she died at the age of seventy-two years. She was survived by two sisters, Mrs. Henkelman and Mrs. Miller, and one brother, Christopher Stein, and by the following children: Mrs. Augustus Nolda, of Isabella, Tenn.; Mrs. William Lloyd, of West Virginia; William, of Montana; Mary, of California; Mrs. James Cullen, of California; Harry Semmer, of Arizona; Mrs. Edward Robins, of Nanticoke; George, of Wanamie, Pa.; and John, of Alden. She left also twenty-nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

George Henkelman was born April 18, 1861, at Tamaqua, and obtained his primary education in the public schools at Jeddo borough. Later he studied at the preparatory school of Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa., leaving school about 1875, after which he worked at the butcher's trade with his father in Jeddo. The father left that place in 1880, and the son then entered the employ of Henry Dreyfuss, at Hazleton, remaining with him until he came to Berwick in the spring of 1881. From March to July of that year he worked in the meat market of F. R. Jackson, on Front street, and afterwards until November was on his father's farm in Centre township. For the next nineteen years he was in the butcher

business on his own account, at Wanamie, Luzerne county. When a company was organized for service in the Spanish-American war, by James A. Dewey (now lieutenant colonel of the 9th Regiment, Pa. N. G., who was at that time superintendent of schools of Newport township, Luzerne county) and George Evans (now connected with the schools at Kingston), Mr. Henkelman became first sergeant, and was subsequent promoted to first lieutenant of the company, which joined the 7th Regiment as Company F, and was later Company L of the 9th Regiment. Mr. Henkelman was treasurer of Company L.

In 1902 Mr. Henkelman sold his business at Wanamie, and following an attack of pneumonia went on a trip to the Western States. Returning East he settled in Berwick Jan. 12, 1903, and found a position as salesman with the Berwick Store Company, in the meat department, where he has been engaged continuously to the present. Since taking up his home at Berwick he has not been especially in touch with public affairs, but while at Wanamie he served his fellow citizens in various capacities, being a school director of Newport township and town commissioner. He is a Republican on political questions. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church of Berwick, which he has served as trustee. Fraternally he is a member of Nanticoke Lodge, No. 541, F. & A. M., Nanticoke Chapter, No. 287, R. A. M.; Dieu le Veut Commandery, No. 45, K. T., of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Washington Camp, No. 259, P. O. S. of A., at Drifton (past president of the camp); Wanamie Council No. 549, Jr. O. U. A. M., at Wanamie (past counselor).

On June 1, 1886, Mr. Henkelman married Henrietta Van Der Mark, of Nanticoke, Pa., who was born Jan. 22, 1861, daughter of Lynn J. Van Der Mark, and they have one child, Augusta Edna, born May 4, 1887.

Benjamin Van Der Mark, Mrs. Henkelman's first ancestor in America, came to this country from Holland when sixteen years old and settled in Newport township, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he acquired the ownership of nearly one thousand acres of wood, farm and coal property. He cleared his land and followed farming. His children were: David, Elijah, Simeon, Moses, Sarah, John and Simon Peter.

Simon Peter Van Der Mark, son of Benjamin, was born in 1811 in Newport township, and became a farmer like his father. He married Mary Rummage, and they had

two children: Whitney, who married Mary Oplinger, and Lyman J.

Lyman J. Van Der Mark was born Aug. 17, 1838, in Newport township, and followed general farming, owning two hundred acres. He married Emmeline Woomer, one of the eight children of Simeon and Hannah (Hertzog) Woomer, of Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, viz.: Emmeline, Benjamin, Mary, Anna, George, Harriet, Charles and Joseph. Mr. Woomer did work for the coal companies. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Der Mark were born the following children: Henrietta, Mrs. George Henkelman; Walter, who married Maggie Harvey; Mary, Mrs. George Shoop; Emily, Mrs. William McCullough; Ida, Mrs. Henry Carey; Urban, who married Lizzie Jones; Lyman, who married Maggie Walters; Lorene, Mrs. Edward Hess; Harry, who married Daisy Stewart; Frank, who married Maggie Campbell; and Iolanthe, Mrs. J. M. Ludwig. Mr. Van Der Mark, the father, belonged to the Odd Fellows lodge at Nanticoke, and to Sylvania Lodge, No. 354, F. & A. M., at Shickshinny. He was a Democrat, and active in the work of the party in his locality.

BOYD THOMAS OHL, foreman in the woodworking department of the Harman & Hassert plant at Bloomsburg, has held that position since 1899 and is one of the responsible employees of the company, by whom he has been engaged as a woodworker for over thirty years. He belongs to a family established in Columbia county many years ago by his grandfather, Michael Ohl, who came from Northampton county, this State.

The Ohls are of German origin, and this branch of the family settled at an early date in Northampton county, where Michael Ohl was born. In young manhood he emigrated to Columbia county, and here cleared a farm from the virgin forest, becoming one of the substantial men of what is now Hemlock township. He died in Madison township, and both he and his wife were buried at Heller's Church, on Dutch Hill. They were the parents of four children: George; William; Henry; and Mary Jane, who became the wife of Nash Mauser.

George Ohl, son of Michael Ohl, was born in Hemlock township, and became a carpenter by trade. He also engaged in agricultural operations, was successful, and at the time of his death, which occurred in Mount Pleasant township, owned a farm in Hemlock township and another in Madison township. On Oct.

15, 1846, Mr. Ohl married Sarah, daughter of Tobias Heller. Both are deceased, and they are interred at Dutch Hill. Their children were: Mary Catherine, born March 11, 1848, who married Fred Beagle; Sarah Etta, born Aug. 26, 1849; Lena Jane, born Nov. 16, 1851, who married John Moore; Michael Tobias, born July 17, 1853, a contractor of Bloomsburg; Henry W., born July 4, 1855; Joseph Miles, born Feb. 7, 1857; Boyd Thomas, mentioned below; David Lloyd, twin of Boyd T., born May 8, 1859, now deceased; Elmer Ellsworth, born Jan. 21, 1863; Annie E., born Feb. 12, 1868, married to George Hassenplug; and John C., born Nov. 26, 1871. Of this family the survivors are: Michael T., Boyd T., Elmer E. and Annie E.

Boyd Thomas Ohl was born May 8, 1859, in Madison township, Columbia county, and was given a public school education in the home neighborhood. He was brought up like most farmers' sons to assist with the work at home, and continued to do so until twenty years old, also learning the trade of carpenter, at which he served an apprenticeship of three years. He then came to Bloomsburg and found employment at the Lockard car shops, where he remained eighteen years, spending the next year at Milton, Pa. Returning to Bloomsburg, he entered his present employ in the fall of 1882. In 1899 he was made foreman of the woodworking shop, where seven men are engaged, and has proved thoroughly reliable in anything intrusted to him. He is a substantial citizen, a man who holds the respect of all who know him. Fraternally he holds membership in the Knights of the Golden Eagle and Independent Order of Americans, and politically he supports the Republican party. He belongs to the Reformed Church.

Mr. Ohl's first wife, Sury (Zimmerman), daughter of Henry Zimmerman, died May 4, 1879, leaving one child, Jennie E., who lives at home. On Oct. 9, 1880, Mr. Ohl married (second) Ella Ruckle, daughter of Joseph and Amelia (Young) Ruckle, of Bloomsburg, and they have three children; Clyde, who married Margurite Johnson; and Bertha and Hazel, living at home. The family reside at No. 585 West Third street, Bloomsburg.

WILLIAM R. PAULES, M. D., one of the best known physicians and surgeons of Danville, was born at Marietta, Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 24, 1863, son of David and Elizabeth (Rumbaugh) Paules.

The Paules family is of German descent.

The date of its foundation in America is not definitely known, but its members were among the earliest settlers of Pennsylvania. They were farmers, and like most German agriculturists successful in their calling.

David Paules was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and brought up on his father's homestead, where he learned farming, continuing to follow that vocation during his active life, his farm being in the vicinity of Marietta, in his native county. Setting out with the determination to succeed, Mr. Paules added to his holdings, and developed his property until he had one of the best farms in Lancaster county. In 1898 he retired from the scene of his activities, and settling down in Marietta is now enjoying the fruits of his years of toil. He married Elizabeth Rumbaugh, and they had eight children, all of whom have been well educated, and have developed into men and women of whom any parents might well be proud.

Dr. Paules received his early educational training in the schools of his home district, and at the same time assisted his father with the farm work. Later he attended the high school, from which he was graduated after a four years' course. He then entered the Millersville State normal school, graduating therefrom in the class of 1883, following which he taught school. This line of work not satisfying his ambitions, he began studying medicine with Dr. Norris, of Marietta. In 1886 he came to Danville, and was clerk for Dr. S. Y. Thompson until he was able to enter Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which institution he was graduated in the class of 1890. Almost immediately thereafter he established himself in general practice at Danville, where he has since continued. In addition to his practice, he owns a drug store and two farms in Montour county, his land holdings comprising 280 acres. The handsome residence he occupies at the corner of Bloom and Ferry streets was enlarged and improved by him.

Dr. Paules married Florence Peifer, who was born at Danville, daughter of George W. Peifer, a wholesale liquor dealer. Dr. and Mrs. Paules have had the following children: Parvin Elwood, born July 24, 1892; and Mary Elizabeth, born June 15, 1897. Dr. Paules is a member of Danville Lodge, No. 780, I. O. O. F., and Lotus Conclave, I. O. H. Mrs. Paules belongs to the Danville Lutheran Church.

Professionally Dr. Paules belongs to the Montour County Medical Society, and is regarded as a valuable factor in its work. His



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skill as a medical man has been attained through close study and broad reading, and his experience has been wide and varied. Few men of his calling enjoy more widespread popularity, either as a professional man or a private citizen, and he is justly recognized as one of the leading residents of Danville.

HARRY EUGENE WHITE, foreman of erection, construction and preparation in the employ of the American Car & Foundry Company, is a member of a family which has been settled in Columbia county since before the year 1800 and which has been in America from Colonial days. The Whites were among the early English colonists in New England, and the branch of the family here under consideration moved to New Jersey and came thence to Pennsylvania, settling in Briar Creek, Fishing Creek and Huntington Creek valleys. Here they intermarried with the Hidlays, Omans and Brittons.

Peter White, great-grandfather of Harry Eugene White, settled in Columbia county previous to the year 1800, first in the vicinity of Orangeville, whence he moved about 1806 to Scott township, in the neighborhood of Light Street. He was a farmer, and bought the farm on the edge of that village in recent years owned by the Hartmans. He passed the rest of his life there, he and his wife both dying on that place, and they are buried at Light Street. His death occurred in 1815, when he was a comparatively young man, and his widow, Elizabeth (Britton), survived until 1828. They had a family of thirteen children, of whom we have the following record: Harry, the last surviving member of the family, was a farmer, residing in Indiana; Mary Maud married a Mr. Garrison, a farmer of Salem township, Luzerne county; Zebeth, who was a farmer, resided in Michigan; John, a farmer, was a resident of Richland county, Ohio; Joseph married Lydia Ann Robbins; William was a farmer; Samuel followed agricultural pursuits in Richland county, Ohio; Peter also made his home in Richland county, Ohio; Catherine was the wife of Samuel Oman, who was a farmer in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county; Sarah was the wife of Samuel Melick, also a farmer of Mount Pleasant township; Elizabeth married a Mr. Emerson, a farmer of Indiana; Isaac was a farmer and lime burner in Scott township.

Isaac White, grandfather of Harry E., was born in Light Street, Columbia county, in 1815, and educated in the country schools. He was a farmer and owned about 140 acres in

Mount Pleasant township. He sold out in 1860 and came to Almedia, where he erected a limekiln and made and sold lime. He died in 1871. His wife was Catherine, daughter of Andrew Mellick, and their children were: Sarah E., wife of Kester McMichael; John H., who married Christine Hippensteel; Eliza J., wife of John H. Vanderslice; Peter, Macy C. and Andrew E., who died young; Henry Newton, mentioned below; Esther B., wife of George Hartman; Isaac D., who married Lilly Wilson; Alger K., married to Laura Patterson; and Frank G., who married Jennie Zahn. Mr. White was a Republican and a school director and attended the Methodist Church.

Henry Newton White was born Oct. 22, 1851, in Mount Pleasant township, and attended the schools of Millville. He also attended the Millville Seminary. Moving to Almedia he engaged in the lime business, for a time did a trucking business on his farm, and now devotes his time exclusively to the lime business. He is independent in politics and is very popular, having held all the township offices. He belongs to the Methodist Church and to Lodge No. 681, I. O. O. F., of Espy. Mr. White married Flora, daughter of Joseph and Deborah (Fowler) White, from Iola, near Millville, and they have had the following children: Harry E., born Oct. 28, 1880, married to Sue Milnes; Ralph S., born March 2, 1882; Ora C., born April 11, 1884, married to Edward Campbell; Nellie, born Aug. 10, 1886; Annie B., born Aug. 25, 1888; Frank B., born June 13, 1890; and George G., born Aug. 1, 1892, buried at Almedia.

Harry Eugene White was born at Almedia, Columbia county, and obtained his early education in the public school at Espy. Then he took a preparatory course in the Bloomsburg State Normal School, leaving in 1902, after which he taught for some time—one year at Espy and three years at Turkey Hill. In 1907 he went to Berwick and entered the employ of the American Car & Foundry Company, in the passenger car department, where Bruce C. Dietterick was general foreman and L. E. Hess superintendent. He has progressed considerably, being now foreman of erection, construction and preparation. Mr. White lived in Berwick for several years, but recently removed from the town to his present home in Briarcreek township.

On Sept. 7, 1907, Mr. White married Susanna Milnes, daughter of John W. and Sydney (Wilkes) Milnes, of Espy. They have no children. Mr. White is an Odd Fellow,

belonging to lodge and encampment at Espy, and he is a member of the Methodist Church. On political questions he is a Republican.

William Milnes, Mrs. White's grandfather, came to this country from England and for a number of years was a prominent business man in Luzerne county, Pa. He was a coal operator at Jeanesville and Milnesville, in that county, and the latter place was named by him. Removing to Tamaqua, Schuylkill county, he became president of a bank there. His wife, Susanna (Hart), was also a native of England, and their children were: May Victoria is married to Henry S. Reay and had four children, William Milnes (married Emma Causey), Susanna (wife of Bruce F. Evans), Bessie and James Stewart (married to May Young); William B. married Belina Snyder, and their children are William S. (married to Mamie Phillips), Mary M. (Mrs. George Roberts), Daniel (married to Effie Miller) and George W.; John W. is mentioned below; Isabella married C. C. Snyder, and has three children, Marguerite, Edwin and Carl; Martha is the wife of C. M. Bittenbender, and has two children, Isabella M. (Mrs. Bruce Hartzell) and Frank (who married a Dieffenbacher); Lillian H. married H. C. Isley and has one child, Virginia N.; George W. married Elizabeth Polhemus, and they have two daughters, Mildred and Wilhelmina Elizabeth; Thomas H. married Annie Miller, and has two children, Irene and Ralph; Harry R. is buried at Espy.

John W. Milnes, Mrs. White's father, was born at Tamaqua, and was very successfully engaged in business there as a painter and decorator. He now lives at Espy, Columbia county. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in politics a Republican. To his marriage with Sydney Wilkes have been born the following children: Sydney; Elizabeth, Mrs. Joseph A. Mears; John W., Jr., who married Jessie Cragin; Susanna, Mrs. Harry E. White; Henry Ray, and Paul.

ALONZO J. SULT, a retired business man of Berwick, where he established the laundry now conducted by his sons under the name of Sult Brothers, was born at that place April 4, 1845, son of Daniel and Catherine (Geddes) Sult.

Peter Sult, his grandfather, was a native of Northampton county, Pa., where he lived until his removal to Berwick, Columbia county in 1823. He was a cooper by trade, and after settling at Berwick had a shop of his own on Front street, which he conducted until his

death, Jan. 9, 1866, at the age of seventy-five years, five months, twenty-four days. He was a useful citizen, taking an active interest in public affairs and serving as member of the council, and for several terms as supervisor. To him and his wife Magdalene (Kester) were born the following children, all now deceased: James; Julia, who was the wife of John Sweitzer; Mary, wife of David Wagoner; Daniel; Charles, who lived at Peoria, Ill.; Sarah, Mrs. C. A. Becker; Eliza, Mrs. James Hoover; and William, who was a resident of Peoria, Ill. The mother died Jan. 12, 1856, aged sixty-eight years, eight months, twenty days.

Daniel Sult, son of Peter, was born in Northampton county, Pa., and died at Berwick Jan. 28, 1892, aged seventy-four years, two months, twenty-eight days. Coming to Berwick with his father when quite young, he entered the plant of the Jackson Woodin Company, where he was employed as a mechanic. Then for three years he was engaged as roadmaster on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, between Kingston and Northumberland, and subsequently worked at the carpenter's trade until 1863. He then found work in the pattern shop of the Jackson & Woodin Company, being a patternmaker by trade, and continued there until his death. His wife, Catherine Geddes, who died July 25, 1850, aged thirty years, six months, nine days, was a daughter of Thomas and Rachel Geddes, who lived in Berwick at one time. Mr. Geddes was a tanner by occupation, and for some time conducted a tannery at Trucks-ville, Luzerne Co., Pa.; he died at Wyoming, that county. He was of Scotch ancestry. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sult: Sarah became the wife of Abram Reichard, of Salem township, Luzerne county; Adelia E. is deceased; Alonzo J. is mentioned below; Jessie P. is deceased.

Alonzo J. Sult obtained a good public school education at Berwick, and when a young man learned the trade of stationary engineer. For thirty years he was in the employ of the Jackson Woodin Company, until, on Jan. 1, 1893, he opened a laundry on the same premises where he has his home, No. 338 East Front street, putting up a building for the purpose. The Berwick Steam Laundry, as it was called, proved a success from the start, and he carried it on for twelve years, since which time he has lived retired. When he withdrew from business cares he turned the plant over to his sons Daniel J., Lloyd F., William B. and Robert E. P., who have continued it under the

name of Sult Brothers. The building is two stories in height, 35 by 43 feet, and is one of the best equipped establishments of the kind in the eastern part of Columbia county, being appointed with all modern conveniences, and has a steady patronage as the result of good business methods and satisfactory service. Sult Brothers not only command a good trade in and around Berwick, but they have agencies all over Luzerne county.

During the Civil war Mr. Sult was in the Union service under three enlistments, the first time, July 2, 1862, in Company H, 84th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was discharged Oct. 3d of that year owing to an attack of typhoid. His second enlistment was for one hundred days in a Danville company, Company B, of the 194th Pennsylvania Regiment, and he received his discharge Nov. 5, 1864. On Feb. 7, 1865, he enlisted in Company A, 74th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for one year, and was discharged Aug. 29, 1865.

Mr. Sult has been associated to some extent with the government of the borough, having been a member of the council three years. Fraternally he is a member of Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A.; Camp No. 70, P. O. of A.; and Berwick Castle, No. 249, Knights of the Golden Eagle, of which he is a past chief. His religious connection is with the Presbyterian Church.

On Feb. 3, 1865, Mr. Sult married Nancy J. Boyles, who was born at Foundryville, Columbia Co., Pa., Nov. 8, 1847, daughter of James and Martha (Moore) Boyles, and died in 1905. Her father, a native of Ireland, settled there on coming to this country, later moving to Virginia, during the Civil war period. He returned thence to Berwick, where he was engaged at his trade, that of blacksmith, as foreman of the blacksmith shop of the Jackson Woodin Company. He died in Berwick and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery.

Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sult: (1) Walter M., born June 2, 1866, formerly employed as bookkeeper for the Lehigh Valley Coal Company, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is now engaged in business in Berwick as proprietor of the Sterling Store, dealing in notions, etc. He married Elizabeth Campbell, of Berwick, and they have two children, Margaret and Frederick. (2) Margaret, born June 28, 1868, died July 23, 1870. (3) Daniel J., born July 25, 1870, in Columbia county, member of the firm of Sult Brothers, of Berwick, married Ella Brown, and they have one son, Alonzo. (4) Lloyd F.,

born July 4, 1872, formerly of Wilkes-Barre, is now a resident of Berwick, Pa., an office employee of the American Car and Foundry Company. He married Elizabeth Stifnagle, and they have two children, Leonard and Ruth. (5) William B., born April 15, 1874, member of the firm of Sult Brothers, is also interested in the Palace Theatre of Berwick. He is married to Ida Berkheimer. (6) Robert E. P., born Nov. 29, 1882, youngest member of the firm of Sult Brothers and also one of the proprietors of the Palace Theatre, married Etta Jacoby, of Berwick, and they have two children, Robert and Ned.

JESSE J. KOSTENBAUDER, of Berwick, an employee of the Berwick Store Company, was born Feb. 19, 1880, in Franklin township, Columbia county, above Catawissa. He is a descendant of one of the most substantial families of the county, established in 1815 by Jacob Kostenbauder, a soldier of the war of 1812.

The ancestors of the Kostenbauder family in America landed in Philadelphia on the ship "The President" in the year 1750, coming from Germany. Of the children of Johann Heinrich Kostenbauder and his wife Rebecca Barbara (Stortze) we have mention of Jacob, through whom Jesse J. Kostenbauder traces his lineage; Henry; Daniel; Rosina, who married Peter Keller; a daughter who married Jacob Knecht; and Catherine, who married Daniel Hower.

Jacob Kostenbauder, son of Johann Heinrich Kostenbauder, was born in Bushkill Center, Northampton Co., Pa., in 1775. In 1815, along with his two brothers, Henry and Daniel, and three brothers-in-law, Peter Keller, Jacob Knecht and Daniel Hower, he journeyed further north and settled in what was then Bucks county, Pa., about three miles from Mainville, Columbia county. Upon his arrival he at once began clearing land and built a large log house. About fifty yards from the house he put up a blacksmith shop and on the other side of the road a wheelwright shop. Selling this property soon, he cleared another piece of land and built another log cabin. While living here, he took a contract to build two sections of the old Pennsylvania canal. Later on he bought from his brother-in-law, Peter Keller, the hotel now owned by B. R. Yetter, in the town of Mainville, Columbia county. B. R. Yetter is one of the direct descendants of Jacob Kostenbauder, and this property has never been out of the possession of the blood relations of the first



settlers of that section. Here Jacob Kostenbauder built another blacksmith and wheelwright shop and later on erected a store which he conducted. He was thirty-seven years old when he served in the war of 1812. He met a tragic death on the 21st day of March, 1838, at the age of sixty-two years, while coming down what is known as the Fincher Furnace hill about half a mile from Catawissa, Columbia county. Jacob Kostenbauder married Charriet Miller, and they had a family of eleven children: Henry, Daniel, Jacob, Samuel, David, Katherine, Mary, Elizabeth, Nancy, Lucy and Sarah. Of these, Jacob was the grandfather of Jesse J. Kostenbauder. We have the following record of this family: Henry Kostenbauder, the eldest son of Jacob, died in Columbia county May 10, 1855, aged forty-five years. He married Sarah Hartzell (daughter of Michael), who died in Columbia county March 14, 1848, when thirty-one years old, and they are buried in Union Emanuel churchyard, near Mainville. Of their four children, (1) Martin Van Buren, the eldest, was born in Mifflin township, Columbia county, Aug. 30, 1839. He served during the Civil war in Company A, 6th Reserves, returned to his home greatly reduced in health, and eventually became totally blind as a result of the hardships he underwent while in the army. On April 27, 1876, he married Susan L. Rhawn, born April 11, 1839, and she died the mother of two children: Catherine E., born Oct. 27, 1878, who is married to George Barnes and has one son, Paul; and Jennie Robbins, born April 6, 1882, who is the wife of Elmer Shaffer and has one son, Ray. Mr. Kostenbauder's second marriage was to a Knorr. He is still living in Main township. (2) William Lavensworth, second son of Henry, was drowned in the Susquehanna river at Nescopeck, Luzerne Co., Pa., Sept. 2, 1850, when nine years old. (3) Rebecca, born Oct. 9, 1844, daughter of Henry, married Steven Rhawn, born June 21, 1842, died Jan. 16, 1913. She died Aug. 16, 1906. They had children: George B., born Sept. 25, 1862, married Minnie Ludwig, and they have fourteen children; Martin Van B., born Feb. 11, 1866, married Eva Bankes, and had one child; Casper, born April 4, 1868, married Jennie Fisher and had two children; Grace married W. A. McClough and had three children, Louis, Alden, and —; May Lulu, born July 9, 1879, is married to Harry Yetter.

Daniel Kostenbauder, second son of Jacob Kostenbauder, was born May 13, 1814. He married Frances Klingerman, who was born

Oct. 1, 1815, and they became the parents of fourteen children: David, born May 31, 1835, died young; Nathan was born Sept. 15, 1836; Margaret Jane, born Nov. 24, 1837, married Adam Marks; James, born Feb. 13, 1839, married Elizabeth Bucher; Mercy, born Jan. 6, 1841, was the second wife of Henry Gotschall; Amelia, born Dec. 21, 1842, married Henry Gotschall; Saletha, born May 17, 1844, married Perry Mears; Elizabeth, born Oct. 1, 1845, married Albert Marks; Frances, born Feb. 1, 1848, married John Baucher, and had three children, Charles (married Lizzie Munson, and has five children, Helen, Margaret, Mercy, Eloise and Francis), Jennie (married Charles Snyder and has one child, Euphemia) and Herman (married Emma Watkins, and has two children); Samuel D., born March 14, 1852, never married; Daniel B. was born Jan. 6, 1854; Sarah married George Cooper; Anna married Joseph Cooper; George, who died a young man, married Harriet Beaber.

Jacob Kostenbauder, third son of Jacob, born in 1818, died in 1871. He married Margaret Knittle, and they had nine children: Harriet, born April 7, 1842, married Marshall Hendershot; Charriet, born Oct. 21, 1843, married David Walburn, but had no children; Owen D. L. is mentioned below; Jane, born March 15, 1847, married S. W. Sutliff, and had two children, Myrtle (wife of David Samuels) and Hannah; Jeremiah, born July 23, 1849, married Isabella Fisher and they had five children, Margaret (Mrs. Oswin Wilcox), Jacob, John, Henry (married) and Lewis; William, born Nov. 15, 1851, married Mrs. Emma (Parsons) Thomas, and had five children, Jennie, Ella, Myrtle, Frank and —, of whom Jennie married John Charles and had two children; Clara, born Aug. 3, 1855, married Lambert Camp and had three children, Oscar, Maud and Anna; Emma, born Nov. 30, 1857, married Gaylord McHenry and one child was born to them; Charles was born April 21, 1860.

Samuel Kostenbauder, fourth son of Jacob, born Jan. 27, 1820, and died Nov. 9, 1874. He married Elizabeth Laurence, who was born in 1826, and died Oct. 26, 1910. They had two children: (1) Anna Margaret, born March 24, 1849, died March 22, 1906. She married George Reifsnyder, who was born March 24, 1848, and died June 28, 1908, and they had five children: Samuel K., born Oct. 1, 1871; Ambrose S., Dec. 22, 1875 (died Oct. 14, 1879); George Laurence, Jan. 15, 1878 (died Oct. 26, 1879); Leonard Calvin, June 13, 1881 (died Feb. 27, 1905); Karl Proctor,

Oct. 22, 1883. Samuel K. married Louise Stone Yetter Dec. 28, 1898. Karl Proctor married Ella Robins Aug. 27, 1908 (she was born April 24, 1886). (2) George Laurence, born Aug. 7, 1853, married June 9, 1875, Lucy C. Reniff, who died May 22, 1891. They had three children: Stanley, born April 7, 1876, died May 1, 1876. Elizabeth Laurence, born Aug. 31, 1878, married William Vastine, Aug. 10, 1897 (he was born July 30, 1871), and has had two children, Douglas, born Dec. 23, 1898, and Harriet, born May 16, 1901, the latter dying Dec. 2, 1902. Samuel Laurence, born Jan. 19, 1881, died Feb. 11, 1902.

David Kostenbauder, the youngest son of Jacob, born Sept. 20, 1826, died Dec. 20, 1832.

Katherine Kostenbauder, eldest daughter of Jacob, married Peter Gearhart. They had five children: Jacob; Daniel, who married a Shuman and had three children; John; Nancy, who married William Mosteller and had three children, twins and a son James; and Sarah, who married Charles Steely and had one son, George Steely.

Mary Kostenbauder, second daughter of Jacob, married Isaac Yetter. They had eight children: Nancy married a Longenberger and had five children, John, Francis, Elmer, William and Mary; Elizabeth married William Houck and had eleven children, Alfred, Jet, Mary, Boyd, William, Wright, Harrison, Claud, Annie and twins who died young; Esther married William Shuman and had three children, Fannie, Miner and Emanuel B.; Matilda married John C. Stokes and had three children, Fannie, Alfred and Fremont; Jacob married Sarah Remibold and had one son, Howard; Alfred married Isabella Breisch and had two sons, Albert and George; Wright married a Keiler and had a family; Boyd R. married Emma Geiger and had four children, Albert (married and had one son), Robert, and two who died young.

Elizabeth Kostenbauder, third daughter of Jacob, born July 29, 1812, was married in 1830 to Hugh Lockhard, born Sept. 11, 1801, died in 1869. They had eight children: Israel, Alfred, Daniel, Mary, Alonzo, Frank, Adaline and Permelia. Israel had one child; Alfred, six children; Daniel, seven children; Mary married John Belles and had thirteen children; Alonzo, two children; Frank, seven children; Adaline, four children; Permelia married a Hosler and had one child, Harry, who married a Miss Waters.

Nancy Kostenbauder, fourth daughter of Jacob, married Peter Kline, and had seven

children: Martin, Mealy, Felix, Sarah, George, Ada and Clara.

Lucy Kostenbauder, fifth daughter of Jacob, married Abe Stewart and had three children: Harriet, Mary and Rebecca. Harriet married Gem Potter; Rebecca married Josiah Flemming and had four children, Clara, William, Dall and Susie; Clara married John Gordner.

Sarah Kostenbauder, sixth daughter of Jacob, died May 25, 1883. She married Joseph Miller, born March 15, 1814, died in 1862, and they had fifteen children; we have record of Isaac D., Edmund J., Samuel W., Robert A., Louis E., Saloma J. (married Samuel W. Dourmoyer) and Agnes E. (married Franklin Hennerrick.)

Rosina, daughter of Johann Heinrich Kostenbauder and Rebecca Barbara (Stortze), married Peter Keller. He was one of the first settlers near Mainville, having arrived there with his three brothers-in-law, Jacob Kostenbauder, Jacob Knecht, and Daniel Hower. They had the following children: Elias, who married Sarah; Charles, who married a Miller, went West, and all trace of him was lost; Jacob, who married Lavinia Hinterleiter and had two children; William, who married Angelina Horemger; and Mary, who married William Fisher. Elias Keller and his wife Sarah had fourteen children, Daniel, Peter, William, Mary, Hannah, Josiah, Angelina, Elmira, Charles, Savilla, Rosa, Louise, Catherine and Sarah. Of these, William married Lavinia Knorr; Josiah married Hannah Gearhart and had twelve children, Ella C. (married George Martz and has three children), Calvin (married Bessie Beach and has two children), Pierce (married Myrtle Adams, and has one child), Irene (married Harry Hendricks and has two children), Ray, Leroy, Howard (married Hattie Trumbo), Edward M., Mary P., Sarah H., Grace C. and

Daniel Hower, who married Catherine Kostenbauder, sister of Jacob Kostenbauder, was one of the first settlers in Columbia county. His second wife was a Miss Campbell, his third wife a Miss Strauser. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, being lieutenant in Capt. Samuel Benjamin's company, 157th Regiment, 2d Brigade, 9th Division, Pennsylvania Troops. He was the father of the following children: Thomas, Moses, Daniel, Hiram, Maria. Thomas, son of Daniel, married and had nine children. Moses, son of Daniel, married Elizabeth Stoker, by whom he had six children, William, Jane, Sarah C., Han-

nah E., Maria E. and Moses S. For his second wife he married Emma Yetter, his third wife being Elizabeth Bittner, by whom he had three children, Laura, Clark B. and Neiman. Of these children of Moses, William married Catherine Weaver; Jane married Lucas Fahringer and had three children, Harry (married Esther Yoder), Lillie (married Rev. John F. Knittle and had two children, Joseph and Mary) and Fred (married Agnes Numan); Sarah C. married Ulysses Bird and had three children, Clara (married George Miller and had three children), Cora (married Leonard Pensyl and had four children) and Melvin (married a Miss Honerberger and had five children). Maria Hower, daughter of Daniel, married Valentine Vought and had three children: Jeremiah married Mary Frey; Catherine married John Hile, and had twelve children, Charles, Emma, Cora, Bertha, James, Ulam, Rebecca, Bessie, Viola, Madison, Ambrose and Divinia; Madison married a Miss Kase.

Owen D. L. Kostenbauder, son of Jacob, grandson of Jacob and great-grandson of Johann Heinrich, was born Aug. 28, 1845, in Franklin township, and has followed farming and butchering, being still engaged in the cattle business at Catawissa. He married Sarah Hoagland, daughter of Jonathan Hoagland, of Centralia, Columbia county, whose wife was a Fahringer. Eleven children have been born to this union: Oscar, who married Ida Albright; Marshall, who is married to Jennie Lorah and has three children, Raymond, Marweda and Howard; William, married to Maud Linville; Mark, who married Hannah (Small) Davis and has one child, Ethel; Opal; Jesse J.; Hector; Owen, who married May Shook and has one child, Margaret; Kersey; Warner, and Sarah.

Jesse J. Kostenbauder received an average education, graduating from the common schools. Then he commenced clerking for his father at Catawissa, in a butcher business, and when he reached his majority became a clerk in the employ of A. L. Davenport, the leading butcher at Luzerne, Luzerne Co., Pa. After two years in his employ he worked another two years at Hastings, in Cambria county, and two years more with Elmer Wilcox, at Kingston, Luzerne Co., Pa., thus gaining a varied experience in his line. In 1907 he came to Berwick, where he has since been clerking in the meat department of the Berwick Store Company, T. B. Brobst being manager of the department. Mr. Kostenbauder has favorable standing among the

respected young men of the community, and he is particularly well known in his Masonic associations, being a member of Blue Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M., of Catawissa; Catawissa Chapter, No. 178, R. A. M.; Mount Moriah Council, No. 10, R. & S. M., Bloomsburg; Caldwell Consistory, Bloomsburg; and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He also belongs to the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Luzerne, Pa. His political support is given to the Republican party. Mr. Kostenbauder attends the Methodist Church.

On Thursday, Sept. 17, 1914, Mr. Kostenbauder was married to Harriet A. Ferris, daughter of Courtney E. Ferris, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

SAMUEL PEALER KRESSLER, clerk and bookkeeper with the Berwick Savings & Trust Company, has gained a reputation for trustworthy service in several years' employment at Berwick. He is a native of Columbia county and member of one of its old settled families.

Samuel Kressler, his grandfather, born about 1801-02 in Berks county, Pa., came to Espy, Columbia county, when quite young, and worked on his father's farm. He owned an island opposite Espy, in the North branch of the Susquehanna, where he carried on general farming and raised garden truck for the market. He also ran a tailor shop at Espy, served as tax collector and constable, and in these various connections was very generally known among his fellow citizens. His wife, Sarah (Brewer), was born at Roaring Creek, Columbia county, and they had the following children: Lemuel, who died unmarried; Hester Amanda, Mrs. N. S. Tingler; Clark; Clara, Mrs. William Leigh, and Sarah Savanna, Mrs. Thomas B. Miller.

Clark Kressler was born July 15, 1837, at Espy, Columbia county, and obtained his education there in the common schools. Leaving school when twelve years old he went to work in the store of Silas E. Fowler, who carried on a general mercantile business at Espy. After five years of such work he was employed on the Pennsylvania canal for two years, first as driver and later as captain, and his next position was with C. S. Fowler & Creveling, for whom he did general office work. Remaining with them about four years, he went to Lock Haven to clerk and keep books in the general store of George S. Goods, for whom he worked until the summer of 1862. On Aug. 14th of that year he enlisted, from Bloomsburg, Pa., in Company E,

132d Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Capt. Michael Witmire, was mustered into the United States service at Harrisburg, and took part in the battles of Antietam and Harper's Ferry. Being on the sick list he was sent to Camp Alexandria, rejoined his regiment at Falmouth (now Fredericksburg), where they remained until May 3d, and then took part in the battle of Chancellorsville. Mr. Kressler was mustered out May 23, 1863, and returned to his home at Espy. He ranked as corporal. Entering the employ of the Pennsylvania Canal Company, he was engaged as bookkeeper for the next thirty years, until Nov. 16, 1893, when he suffered severe injuries by being run over, by a team of horses. As a result he was confined to his home for thirteen weeks, and has been obliged to retire from active labor of any kind. Mr. Kressler is a member of W. H. Ent Post, No. 250, G. A. R., belongs to the Methodist Church, and supports the Republican party on political issues; but though loyal to all their interests he has never held official position in any of these. His home is at Bloomsburg.

Mr. Kressler married Elmira E. Pealer, and we have the following record of the five children born to them: Lemuel W., born Aug. 21, 1864, a resident of Bloomsburg, married Carrie Patterson; Martha M., born Dec. 24, 1866, married A. B. Pursell (now a resident of Easton) and died Jan. 24, 1908 (she is buried at Almedia); Albert C., born March 7, 1869, lives at Bloomsburg; Susanna F., born July 21, 1873, is the widow of H. D. Hilday, who is buried at Almedia; Samuel P., born April 7, 1879, is a resident of Berwick.

Mrs. Elmira E. (Pealer) Kressler was born April 7, 1845, at New Columbus, Luzerne Co., Pa., where she received a public school education, also taking a business course in the academy there. After leaving school she remained at home, helping her family until her marriage. She was a daughter of Thomas and Helena Pealer, of New Columbus, who had a farm of one hundred acres. They had children as follows: Susanna married to A. P. Fowler and lives in Berwick; Charlotte, deceased, married Alfred Kline (she is buried at Butler, Ind.); Martha married Peter McCollum and lives at Espy; Silas M., deceased, married Tillie Robbins, of Sullivan county, Pa. (he is buried at Seattle); Eli C. married Irene Lilley, of Muncie, Ind.; Dyer C. married Savilla Trump and they live at Rochester, N. Y.; Elmira E. is the wife of Clark Kressler; Charles married Alice ———; Emma,

deceased, married William Giger (she is buried at Renovo); Erastus and William died young. Mr. Pealer, the father, was a member of the Christian Church, and a Democrat in political sentiment.

Samuel Pealer Kressler was born April 7, 1879, at Espy, Columbia county. After completing the course in the grammar school there he went to high school at Bloomsburg and to the Bloomsburg State Normal School, where he took a two years' teacher's course, graduating when seventeen years old. For a time he clerked in the drug store of George A. McKelvey, at Bloomsburg, and then began teaching, following the profession for seven terms, at Light Street, Almedia and in the Bloomsburg high school. After a year in the employ of the Berwick Store Company he attended the Schissler business college at Norristown, Pa., taught two terms in the Bloomsburg grammar schools, and then took the position of bookkeeper with the Berwick Store Company, being thus engaged for a period of nine years. In July, 1913, he changed to his present position, with the Berwick Savings & Trust Company. His attainments and experience are highly valued by his employers, who appreciate his reliability and high character. Mr. Kressler is a prominent member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been treasurer for the last seven years, and he also belongs to the Knights of the Maccabees at Berwick. He adheres to the principles of the Republican party.

Mr. Kressler was married Dec. 24, 1903, to Bertha Welliver, daughter of Jeremiah and Mary E. (Bousch) Welliver, from Williamsport, Pa. They have a daughter, Martha Louise, born Sept. 16, 1913.

William Welliver, Mrs. Kressler's great-grandfather, came to Pennsylvania from New Jersey at an early day and settled in Madison township, Columbia county. He had several children, of whom John was reared in Madison township. He married Anna Eyer, daughter of Ludwig Eyer, and they had seven children, as follows: James, Uriah, Catherine, Jacob E., Jeremiah, Elizabeth and John.

Jeremiah Welliver, born May 6, 1841, at Jerseytown, in Madison township, obtained a common school education, and followed carriage painting all his life, being in business for himself at Bloomsburg. He died in November, 1913, and is buried at McEwensville, near Milton, Pa. Six children were born to him and his wife Mary E. (Bousch): Sarah

married William O. Manke; Frank married Clara Ent; Robert married Rosetta Green; Elizabeth married Frank Bordinger; Bertha is the wife of Samuel P. Kressler; James married Cora Burkhardt.

CHARLES E. SITLER, architect and builder, and at present city councilman of Berwick, was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., April 28, 1872, son of Samuel S. and Sarah J. (Rhinard) Sitler.

Samuel Sitler, the paternal grandfather of Charles E. Sitler, was the son of an early settler of Briarcreek township, the family having been founded in this locality in the year 1767. Mr. Sitler was a successful merchant, and was also engaged in agricultural work, and was known as one of the substantial men of his community. He and his wife were the parents of six children, of whom but one is living, Nathan, a resident of Briarcreek township.

Samuel S. Sitler, born March 4, 1844, son of Samuel Sitler, and father of Charles E. Sitler, was born in Briarcreek township, and as a youth learned the blacksmith's trade, a vocation which he followed for many years, having an establishment at Berwick. He was prominent in public affairs, was supervisor here for a long period, and also served efficiently as a member of the board of school directors. He died in November, 1907, and was laid to rest in Summer Hill cemetery. His wife, Sarah J. (Rhinard), who was born in Briarcreek township Sept. 17, 1844, daughter of Levi Rhinard, still resides on the old homestead. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sitler, namely: Della, who is the wife of William T. Davis, a resident of Summer Hill, Pa.; Charles E.; George T., who is engaged in farming at Summer Hill; Webster H., who has charge of his father's old blacksmith shop in Briarcreek township; Martha, who is the wife of John Weaver, of near Evansville, in Briarcreek township; Orville, a resident of Briarcreek township, near the old homestead; Hulda, who is the wife of Burton Taylor, now living with George Thomas Sitler at Summer Hill, Briarcreek township; and Ray, who is carrying on the operations on the old homestead, in the employ of his brother Charles E.

Levi Rhinard was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., and was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his life, with the exception of the period in which he was fighting as a Union soldier during the Civil war. In his later years he removed to Luzerne county, and there his death occurred. He and

his wife had but one child, the mother of Mr. Sitler.

After attending the public schools of his native locality Charles E. Sitler learned the trade of carpenter, and when seventeen years of age began to study architecture in the Scranton (Pa.) Correspondence School. He has made this profession his life work, and has now a reputation that extends far beyond the limits of his field of active operations, where many handsome buildings testify to his skill and ability.

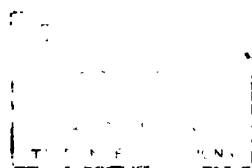
Mr. Sitler was married in February, 1897, to Nora Michael, who was born Sept. 25, 1871, in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of Adam Michael, and adopted daughter of Gideon Michael, of North Berwick. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Sitler: Howard R., born July 27, 1899; and Lena M., born Feb. 5, 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Sitler are members of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, where he acts as assistant class leader. He is a member of the Berwick city council, and has been instrumental in forwarding movements which have made for the betterment of the community. His fraternal connection is with Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and with Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A.

CHARLES FRANKLIN KARCHNER, of Berwick, who has been engaged as a heater at the plant of the American Car & Foundry Company for the last twenty-seven years, belongs to a family of German origin, which has been in America from Colonial days.

For generations the early ancestors were farming people in Germany. The founder of the family in America located in New Jersey, from which State later members moved to Pennsylvania. George Karchner, the grandfather of Frank Karchner, was born in Berks county, Pa., and followed the family occupation of farming. He was thrifty, an industrious and energetic workman, and accumulated four farms of about 100 acres each. In later years he moved to Nescopeck township, Luzerne county, where he died at the age of seventy-five years. He was also a miller by trade, and owned a large grist-mill. He married Elizabeth Harder, and they became the parents of the following children: John; Henry, who married Maria Hartsell; Catherine, who married George Schall and (second) Michael Ruckel; Martin, who married Mary Sensingbaugh; Christine, who married Harmon Hartsell; William, who married



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Sarah Sensingbaugh; Sarah, who became the wife of Fred Frye; Abner, who married Hannah Breyfogel; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Johnson Miller; and George W., who married Amanda Breyfogel. The grandfather was a devout member of the Lutheran Church.

John Karchner, father of Frank Karchner, was born in Nescopeck township, Luzerne Co., Pa., in 1841, and died at Berwick March 22, 1890. He was given his education in the common schools of his native place, and as a young man learned the trade of carpenter, at which he worked in Berwick, coming to the borough in 1877. During the greater part of his residence here he worked in the wood car department of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company's plant. He died in the faith of the Lutheran Church and was buried at Sloyersville. In politics Mr. Karchner was a Democrat, and his fraternal affiliation was with Berwick Castle, No. 249, Knights of the Golden Eagle. He was known as a good and public-spirited citizen, ever ready to give his assistance to worthy movements, and through a life of integrity and honorable dealing won the respect and esteem of those with whom he came into contact. Mr. Karchner was married to Elizabeth Frey, daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Hartzel) Frey, of Nescopeck township, Luzerne county, and they became the parents of the following children: Charles, Franklin, who married Sarah Margaret Brobst; Martin, who married Ida ———; Alice, who is deceased, and is buried at Sloyersville; Martha, who married Harry Rook; George Elmer, who married Samantha E. Clewell; Edward, deceased, who is buried at Sloyersville; Annie, who became the wife of Philip Conrad; Wilson, who married Mary Doty; Frances, who became the wife of C. J. Cortright; and Lenora, who became the wife of Frank Price.

The Frey family originated in Germany, and like the Karchners they were engaged in farming. Two brothers came from Wurttemberg to America in 1717 and located first in the city of Philadelphia, whence one went to New York State, while the other came through Berks county and settled in Carbon county, where he engaged in farming. The brothers and sisters of Elizabeth (Frey) Karchner were: Nathan, Sapphira, Sarah, Harriet, James, Wilson and Martha.

Charles Franklin Karchner was born Aug. 17, 1862, in Nescopeck, Luzerne Co., Pa. Attending school up to the age of fifteen years, he then went to work in the rolling mills

of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company at Berwick, wheeling scale for puddlers. He was under Eli Sherwood (foreman) and Tom Sherwood (superintendent) for one year. His next place was in the machine shop on the hill, running a nut machine, tapping nuts, where he remained several years under Thomas Van Tassell. For a considerable period thereafter he was employed running a drill press. Leaving the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Company, he went to Alden, near Nanticoke, Pa., and worked two and a half years as a miner. On his return to Berwick, Oct. 11, 1886, he entered the rolling mill of the Jackson & Woodin Company, and for a short time labored under Foreman Daniel Mitchell and Superintendent Tom Sherwood, until he became helper at a puddling furnace. After learning puddling thoroughly he helped one of the heaters until he was given a furnace of his own, and he has been retained in this capacity ever since. The work is responsible, and Mr. Karchner's trustworthiness is evidenced by his long continued service. He is a man of reliable character and habits, thoroughly respected by his fellow men. His religious connection is with St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, his political sympathies with the Democratic party.

Mr. Karchner married Sarah Margaret Brobst, who was born Oct. 6, 1861, and they have had four children: Sarah Elizabeth, born Aug. 11, 1884, who died March 22, 1890; John William, born May 17, 1887; Pearl Luella, born Aug. 13, 1889, wife of Ray Franklin Taylor, and mother of three children, Charles Franklin, Donald Larue and an infant yet unnamed; and Ira Edward, born July 31, 1894.

David Brobst, grandfather of Mrs. Charles Franklin Karchner, was a farmer in Lycoming county. His children were: John, Rachel, Eli, Jacob and Daniel. The parents were members of the old Lutheran Church. They lived to advanced age, and are buried at Muncy, Lycoming county.

Daniel Brobst, Mrs. Karchner's father, was born May 15, 1817, in Watsonstown, Pa., and died June 4, 1882. He is buried at Beach Grove, between Hicks Ferry and Shickshinny. He received a common school education and learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed, being engaged as a contractor and builder. He was a Democrat and Lutheran. His wife, Sarah (Shaffer), was born April 27, 1827, daughter of John and Mary (Zehner) Shaffer, and was very young



when her mother died; this family lived at Danville, Montour county. Mrs. Brobst died Sept. 1, 1913. She was the mother of ten children, namely: John W. married Roxanna Bell; Rachel E. married Edward Bretz; Amanda A. married Ebenezer Apgar; Salome A. married William Hummer; Hannah G. married Daniel Stout; Sarah Margaret married Charles Franklin Karchner; James L. married Minerva Kishbaugh; Salinda P. married Ebenezer Apgar; Reuben W. married Lulu Gruver; Daniel W. married Margaret Gingham.

GEORGE ELMER KARCHNER, a well known citizen of Berwick, who has served capably in positions of official importance, was born Dec. 4, 1868, at Mifflinville, Columbia county, son of John and Elizabeth (Frey) Karchner.

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George Elmer Karchner was nine years of age when he accompanied his parents to Berwick, where he completed his education in the Market street school. In 1884 he began to learn the trade of house painter, and for nearly a quarter of a century conducted a successful contracting business in that line at Berwick and Wilkes-Barre and in Carbon county. In 1909 he became connected with the American Car and Foundry Company, as a coach painter, under L. E. Hess, superintendent, and C. C. Abel, foreman. On Aug. 25, 1912, he was made assistant foreman of the passenger coach department, and still continues to hold that position, which he earned fairly by fidelity and capability.

A stalwart Democrat in politics, Mr. Karchner served five years as councilman, and for two years of the time was president of that body. He belongs to the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, and is a member of the Patriotic Order Sons of America. Mr.

Karchner married Samantha E. Clewell, daughter of William H. and Margaret (Huddleson) Clewell, and two children have been born to this union: Ethel, born Aug. 7, 1891, is deceased and buried in Pine Grove cemetery; Margaret was born Jan. 2, 1897.

The Clewell family originated in Germany, where Francois Clavel, the great-great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Karchner, was born. He was married in 1718, and died in 1730, his wife being Louise Frache, born Dec. 5, 1695, died Oct. 5, 1767. They had two sons, George and Franz.

George Clewell was born in Germany Nov. 18, 1726, came to America with his mother and located at Philadelphia, and died May 6, 1793. He married Annie Maria Kuechle, and they became the parents of the following children: Jacob; Elizabeth, who married George Clauss; John, who married Christina Weinland; Daniel, who married Susan M. Klein; George, Jr., who married Anna J. Knauss; Joseph, who married Magdalene Knauss; Abraham, who died young; Francis, who married Anna Maria Leinbach; Anna C., who married Joseph Levering; Saloma M.; Christian, who married Maria R. Kreider; and Abraham, who married Sarah E. Boeman.

Jacob Clewell, the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Karchner, was born Sept. 21, 1751, in Bushkill township, and was a youth when the family moved to Bethlehem, in the vicinity of which place he was engaged in farming throughout the active period of his life. He died June 22, 1824, and was buried at the Moravian graveyard at Bethlehem. Mr. Clewell married Anna C. Rohrig, and they became the parents of the following children: Christian, who married Elizabeth Brader; George, who married Elizabeth Luchenbach; Jacob, who married Susanna Miller; Anna M., who married Henry Schneider; and John.

George Clewell, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Karchner, was born July 1, 1781, and died Sept. 2, 1825. He married Elizabeth Luchenbach, and they became the parents of the following children: William married Susan Trulinger; Lizetta Theodora married Henry Kuester; Henry James married Susan Moharter; Cornelia became the wife of Rev. J. J. Regennas; Louisa married Edward O. Weinland; Charlotte O. became the wife of Palma Osborne; Samuel Benjamin married Elizabeth Tomblor.

Henry James Clewell, the grandfather of Mrs. Karchner, was born July 28, 1812, at Bethlehem, Pa., and died July 18, 1899. He was educated among the Moravians of his na-

tive locality, and as his father died when he was a small boy was compelled early to begin his struggles with life. Going to Philadelphia, he there learned the trade of tailor, and subsequently followed that vocation in the metropolis, as well as at Mauch Chunk. He was married in 1835 and went to Conyngham, later to Columbus, and then to Berwick, where he secured a position in the car works, continuing to be thus employed during the remaining active years of his life. He died at the age of eighty-seven. Mr. Clewell was a devout member of the Evangelical Church, and was widely beloved because of his kind heart and sympathetic nature. He married Susan Moharter, and they were the parents of children as follows: Augustus B. married Cordelia Zehnder; Eliza became Mrs. Tilghman Moharter; William H. is mentioned below; Oliver E. married Elizabeth Gordner; Benjamin F. married Sarah Kline; Lewis S. married Alice Wolf; Rebecca E. married Anthony Loftus; Cornelia married Alfred Edwards; Amos B. married Lucina Sitler; Isaiah B. married Lucinda E. Rhinard; George married Eva Tubbs.

William H. Clewell, the father of Mrs. Karchner, was born Feb. 16, 1840, at Conyngham, Luzerne Co., Pa. He was employed on the Pennsylvania canal until 1862, in which year he was married, and not long thereafter enlisted in Company H, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for service in the Civil war, being out nine months. Upon receiving his honorable discharge he became connected with the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company's plant, as a coremaker, but rheumatism, contracted in the army, caused his retirement. For some years he acted as janitor of the Evans building at Berwick. From the age of twelve years he was connected with the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, and for thirty-five years held official positions therein. He was a popular member of C. G. Jackson Post, No. 159, Grand Army of the Republic, at Berwick, and was widely and favorably known, drawing about him a wide circle of friends. He died March 16, 1909.

Mr. Clewell married Margaret Huddleson, who was born March 31, 1842, daughter of Reuben Henry Huddleson, and died March 24, 1877. They became the parents of children as follows: Lucinda E., who married Alexander Davie; Mary A., who married Levi Blank; Reuben H., who died young; and Samantha E., Mrs. Karchner. Mr. Clewell's second marriage was to Tillie A. Smith, born April 9, 1846, and they had three children:

Frances B., who married Sydney Cortright; Clarence W., married Ila Short; and Oscar B., who married Tillie Oplinger. The mother died Oct. 11, 1884. By his third marriage, to Frances Frederici, Mr. Clewell had no children. She died May 10, 1894.

**HARTMAN.** The Hartmans are an old and honored family in Columbia county, where its representatives have proved their moral worth and loyalty as citizens.

**WILLIAM E. HARTMAN**, a resident of Bloomsburg, was born at Esputown, Columbia county, June 7, 1862, son of George Hartman and a grandson of George Hartman.

George Hartman, his great-grandfather, founded the family in Columbia county where he was one of the pioneers. His children were: Mary, Betsy, Philip and George.

George Hartman, son of George Hartman, and grandfather of William E. Hartman, was born in 1791, and with his father was a pioneer at Esputown, Columbia Co., Pa., where he became a landowner and responsible citizen. His death occurred in that place April 5, 1867, when he was seventy-five years, eleven months, eight days old. His remains were interred in Almedia cemetery. The children born to him were: Edward, who died in 1912, being then in his ninety-sixth year; George; David, who died at Berwick, Pa.; Mary, who married Philip Hartman; Madia, who married Alfred Hartman; Rebecca, who married John Turner; Thomas, who died in childhood; and Eliza, who married Oliver Jacoby.

George Hartman, son of George Hartman and father of William E. Hartman, was born at Esputown, Pa., and for many years was connected with the planing mill at that place in the capacity of engineer, for T. W. Edgar. Mr. Hartman was an engineer all his life, until he retired from active participation in business matters, some time prior to his demise. His wife bore the maiden name of Lydia A. Richart, and she was a daughter of Robert Richart. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman became the parents of the following children: Mary Ella, who married James Ellis Cox, lives at Bloomsburg; William E. is mentioned below; George D., who married Ella Appelman, lives at Kingston, Pa. After the death of his first wife Mr. Hartman married (second) Margaret Hartman, a daughter of George Hartman, who belonged to the Buckhorn branch of the Hartman family. By his second marriage Mr. Hartman had two children: Nora, who married William Terwilliger; and A. Bruce, who is living at Bloomsburg.

William Hartman attended the schools of his native locality, and was brought up on a farm in a healthy, wholesome manner, learning habits of industry and thrift which have remained with him ever since. In 1881 he came to Bloomsburg, where he learned blacksmithing with Harman & Hassert, continuing with that firm for twenty years, during which period he became familiar with the business in all its branches, becoming so expert that he was given charge of the various departments. Later he traveled for the house, and was regarded as its most reliable man. Eventually, however, he bought the Penn bus line, which he conducted for seven years, selling in 1909. Since then he has been building houses for sale and looking after his real estate in Bloomsburg, being a heavy property owner.

In 1882 Mr. Hartman was united in marriage with Fannie Harman, a daughter of Peter S. Harman, now deceased, formerly a prominent foundryman of Bloomsburg. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hartman: Jennie Gosse, who married Arthur R. McHenry, purchasing agent for the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick; and Louisa Harman, who is at home.

Mr. Hartman is independent in his political views, and has served as treasurer of the poor district. The family are Episcopalians. Fraternally he belongs to Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M. He is one of the most substantial men of Bloomsburg and enjoys well merited popularity.

**GEORGE A. HARTMAN**, a drayman of Bloomsburg, Pa., was born in that city Jan. 24, 1853, son of Edward Hartman, and grandson of George Hartman.

Edward Hartman was born in Berks county, Pa., was brought to Columbia county by his parents, and here learned the carpenter's trade, following it for sixteen years at Bloomsburg, where he was engaged as a contractor and builder. He then went to Centre township, Columbia county, where he bought a farm, remaining on it and operating it for twenty-six years. At the expiration of this time he retired and located at Esputown, this county, where he resided until his death, March 30, 1912, when he was in his ninety-sixth year.

Edward Hartman married Sarah Bomboy, a daughter of Jacob Bomboy, and she survives him, living at Esputown, at the age of ninety years. They had children as follows: Miles, Emma J., Amanda C., George A., Mary A., Isaiah, Charles T., James W. and Cora A., the

latter living at home with her venerable mother.

George A. Hartman attended the public schools of Bloomsburg and the State Normal School, and after completing his studies became a clerk, continuing thus for several years, when he began farming in Centre township. During the following years he alternated his agricultural work with teaching school, becoming one of the popular educators of his locality. At the expiration of five years, however, he found his farm required all his attention, and for the succeeding seventeen years devoted all of his time to its cultivation. Mr. Hartman then left his farm, and coming to Bloomsburg became the superintendent of an ice plant. After three years he engaged in the draying business, which he has developed to good proportions, being now recognized as one of the most reliable and careful men in his line, and controlling a large and steadily increasing patronage. Mr. Hartman resides at the corner of Fourth and East streets, Bloomsburg.

On Dec. 28, 1874, Mr. Hartman married Bernetta White, a daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Mellick) White, at Light Street, Pa. The children of this union are: Ray W., who resides at Berwick, where he is in the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company; Jessie M., who is at home; Catherine, married to J. W. Bennett, of Johnstown, Pa. (she has one child, George T.); and Elizabeth, who married William Merkle, and resides at Berwick, Pa., where he is employed by the American Car and Foundry Company.

Mr. Hartman and his family belong to the Methodist Church, in whose good work they are very active. He is a member of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and enjoys his association with this order. A Democrat politically, he served nine years as a school director while residing in Centre township, and gave his district the benefit of his practical knowledge of educational matters gained while he was an educator himself.

CLEMUEL L. JARRARD, master mechanic with the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, was born July 23, 1864, in Nescopeck, Luzerne Co., Pa., son of William P. Jarrard and grandson of Jonas Jarrard.

Jonas Jarrard, son of John, was born June 4, 1786, in the State of New Jersey. In 1807 he married (first) Mary Bird, who was born June 20, 1786, daughter of Ralph and Mary

Bird, and their children were: John, Garret, Sarah Ann, John Henry, Mary and Benjamin. His second wife, whom he married in 1821, was Erminia Dalrymple, born March 17, 1793, daughter of Levi and Mary Dalrymple, and their children were: William P., Levi L., Jonas, Eleanor and James.

William P. Jarrard was born July 8, 1822, in Warren county, N. J., and was educated in the public schools. He learned the trade of blacksmith, and ran a custom shop for a time. Coming to Nescopeck in 1858, as a windmill agent, he there started a blacksmith shop. There he was married in 1858. From Nescopeck he went to Nanticoke and thence to Berwick, running custom shops in each place. He accepted the position of foreman of the blacksmith shop of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and about ten years before his death started a custom shop in Berwick, which he carried on until he died, March 29, 1888. He married Caroline, born May 21, 1834, daughter of Henry W. and Nancy (Davis) Cooper, of Sullivan county, and their children were as follows: Clara Helen, born Oct. 10, 1859, wife of Wilbert D. Williams; Henry C., born Dec. 19, 1861, who married Elmira Anderson; Clemuel L.; Merton L., born Feb. 17, 1867, who married Keturah Evans; Mrs. Laura Boice Bliven; and Frances W., born Jan. 21, 1873, who married Alfred Belford.

Clemuel L. Jarrard came to Berwick at the age of three. He attended the old Berwick Academy, the Market street school and the high school. He then went into the wood-working department of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, remaining for eighteen months, next entered the blacksmith shop for a year, then returned to the machine shop, and in 1892 was made foreman there. He followed vise work from 1896 until 1901, when the plant was absorbed by the American Car and Foundry Company. He was then given the position of master mechanic.

Mr. Jarrard married Ida Eckroth, born Dec. 6, 1863, daughter of George Eckroth, of Centre township, and their children are: Lohr, born Feb. 5, 1888, who married Vada Eveland, born in March, 1892; Ray C., born March 18, 1893; and James, born June 2, 1906. Mr. Jarrard is a Republican and is now serving his third term as member of the town council. He is a member of Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, of which he is trustee, and is connected with Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., of Berwick.

Charles Eckroth was born in 1793 in Mifflin

township, and attended the country schools. He followed farming, owning about ten acres of land, and besides cultivating his own place worked around among the neighbors. He was a member of the German Reformed Church. His wife, Eliza Rheinard, born in 1818, died in 1906, and their children were: Mary, wife of Samuel Sponenberg; George; Elizabeth, who died at the age of sixteen; Samuel, living on a six-acre tract near Briar Creek; Sarah, wife of Philip Sponenberg; Eliza; and Malinda, wife of Frank Whitenight, Buckhorn, Columbia county.

George Eckroth was born June 6, 1838, in Mifflin township, and attended the country schools until he was fifteen years old. He worked by the month until he was of age, spent one year at the mason's trade, and then bought twenty-six acres in Briarcreek township, where he carried on general farming. He is a member of Fowlerville Camp, P. O. S. of A., and of the United Evangelical Church. His wife, Sarah was born June 28, 1838, daughter of David Sitler, and they had children as follows: Elizabeth, born Nov. 5, 1860, wife of Noah Stiner, of Orangeville; Alice, born April 7, 1862, wife of Boyd Remley, of Centre township; Ida, born Dec. 6, 1863, married to C. L. Jarrard, of Berwick; Anna, born Dec. 18, 1870, who married Samuel Zimmerman; Cora, born Feb. 23, 1875, who died at the age of twelve; Hiram, born Sept. 30, 1867, who married Laura Bower, of Centre township, and died Feb. 20, 1913; and David C., born Oct. 13, 1866, who married Effie Shultz, of Briarcreek township.

David Sitler was born in Centre township and had but little schooling in his youth. He worked on the home farm until his father's death, when the property was divided, and he remained on the homestead, and followed weaving in the intervals of farm work. He married Susannah, daughter of Abraham and Sallie (Rittenhouse) Erwine, and they had these children: Samuel married Caroline Yost; Adam married Caroline Wright; Elizabeth became the wife of James Hayman; Caroline, wife of George Lowery; Rebecca, wife of Jacob Hill; Sarah, wife of George Eckroth; Susanna and Isaac, deceased; and four who died in infancy. Mr. Sitler died at the age of seventy-five and his wife at the age of sixty-eight years. Both were members of the Lutheran Church.

Simon Sitler, father of David, was a farmer of Centre township, where he owned a tract of 180 acres. He was a Democrat and an old school Lutheran and he is buried at Brick

Church, in Briarcreek township. His children besides David were: John, who married Elizabeth Dietterick; George, who married Ella Bower; Benjamin, who married Mana Wolf; Jacob, who married a Miss Hagenbuch; Samuel; Hannah, wife of Henry Remley; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Plank; Sallie, wife of William Erwine; and Martha, wife of Henry Smith.

JOHN ALEXANDER GIRVAN, an upholsterer and general repairer of furniture, at Berwick, Pa., was born at Plainsville, Luzerne Co., this State, Feb. 15, 1887, a son of William Girvan, and grandson of John Girvan.

John Girvan was born in the Highlands of Scotland, and emigrated from his native land to America, finally locating at Plainsville, Luzerne Co., Pa. A miller and a tenant farmer, he was active until his death, at the age of seventy years. His first wife, who died prior to his departure from Scotland, bore him two children: John, who died at the age of twenty-one years in Scotland; and William, who is mentioned at length below. By his second wife John Girvan had the following children: Jennie, who married Robert Ferguson, of Oliphant, Pa.; Margaret, Mrs. Younger, of Moosic, Lackawanna Co., Pa.; James, who lives at Pittston, Pa.; Thomas, who married Margaret Burley and lives at Edwardsville, Luzerne Co., Pa.; Mary, who married Robert Love, of Plainsville, Pa.; David, who lives at Pittston, Pa.; John, who married Rachel Hopkins, and lives at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Robert, and Daniel. John Girvan belonged to the Presbyterian Church. While living in Scotland he joined the Masonic fraternity. He is buried at Pittston, in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Always a hard working man, he gained the confidence of those with whom he was associated, as well as earning a comfortable competency.

William Girvan, son of John Girvan, was also born in the Highlands of Scotland, and early in life embarked in the business of handling thoroughbred horses. He crossed the Atlantic ocean five times in connection with this line. Finally he settled at Plainsville, Pa., where he devoted himself to coal mining for some time, and then became a solicitor for the Metropolitan Insurance Company. Owing to his faithful and efficient service he was advanced, and was about to receive promotion to the office of superintendent of the district office when he was stricken with locomotor ataxia, and for eight years was a sufferer from that disease, which proved fatal.

His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Pittston, Pa. William Girvan married Lydia Studley, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Studley, and they had children as follows: Stewart, who is a machinist, of Plainsville; John Alexander, mentioned below; Joseph, William, Jr., and Mary, all of Plainsville; Lydia, who is a milliner at that place; and Mary and Ruth, who died in infancy. After the death of Mr. Girvan his widow married H. B. McDonald, of Plainsville, and they had one child, Isabelle. Mr. Girvan was a Republican. Fraternally he was a Mason, in religious connection a member of the Presbyterian Church.

John Alexander Girvan, son of William Girvan, was educated in the schools of Plainsville, attending until he was eleven years old, when he went on a farm, doing agricultural work for two years. At the age of thirteen he became a doortender at the coal mine shaft at Erie colliery, No. 14, later becoming a driver and car runner in the mines. When he was seventeen years old he went to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and served an apprenticeship at upholstering with William T. Britt, remaining with him until he attained his majority. Following this, Mr. Girvan went into business for himself, but within a short time left Wilkes-Barre for Scranton, Pa., where he was employed by Clark Brothers, as a carpet layer. Within a year he resigned to go into the contracting business with Clark Brothers, and the Hartzell Furniture Company. His next association was with the firm of Stoehr, Fister & Jennings, of Scranton, whom he served as a carpet layer, and he was also in business for himself at Dorranceton, Luzerne Co., Pa., for a short period. Returning to Wilkes-Barre, he did contract work with Clark Brothers, Fowler, Dick & Walker, and J. W. Roberts. Leaving that city, he came to Berwick, where he was employed by the Berwick Store Company for one year.

During this period, when he was variously engaged, Mr. Girvan learned thoroughly every branch of the upholstering business, and so was well fitted to do any kind of work along his line, and this has in large measure contributed to his success. When he felt that the time was ripe he went into his present business, beginning on Fairview avenue, West Berwick, and moving to his present location, No. 217 East Seventh street, where he is doing general upholstering, carpet laying and fitting, furniture repairing and cabinet-making, specializing on refinishing furniture, carriage trimming and the awning business. In

politics Mr. Girvan was formerly a Republican, but is now a Progressive. While residing at Plainsville he joined the Patriotic Order Sons of America, but is no longer connected with it. The Presbyterian Church of the same place holds his membership.

On July 20, 1907, Mr. Girvan was married to Margaret Frances Marie Britt, who was born on East Jackson street, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Jan. 22, 1890, daughter of William T. A. Britt. Mrs. Girvan was educated in the St. Nicholas parochial school at Wilkes-Barre, and later attended St. Ann's Academy on the Heights, in the same city. She was book-keeper for her father, and assistant book-keeper and auditor for Lazarus Brothers until her marriage. In childhood she became a member of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. and Mrs. Girvan became the parents of the following children: John William, born July 19, 1908; Francis Edward, born Oct. 5, 1909; Margaret Dorothy, born Jan. 26, 1911; Elizabeth Lydia, born March 11, 1913, and Robert Alfred, born March 21, 1914.

Thomas Britt, paternal grandfather of Mrs. Girvan, was born in Ireland, and with a brother came from that country to America, settling at Wilmington, Del. He married a Miss Bailey, a native of England, and they had the following children: James and Kate are deceased; William T. A. is mentioned below; Mary (deceased) married James Gibney, of New York; Martha married a Mr. List, and both are deceased; Sarah, who married Hugh Daley, lives at Sharon Hill; John (deceased) married Jennie MacDonald, and lived at Atlantic City. Thomas Britt was a Roman Catholic, and his wife, originally a Protestant, was converted to Catholicism. They are buried at Wilmington, Delaware.

William T. A. Britt, son of Thomas Britt, was educated at Wilmington, Del., where he was born June 30, 1867. He began his business career as clerk in a grocery store, later going to Philadelphia, where he learned the upholsterer's trade, and wagon, piano and organ building. Following this he was employed by the Brill Car Works as an upholsterer, and was carpet layer for De Armand & Company of Philadelphia. Still later he went to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he was a carpet layer for the Orrs Fair Company. In 1889 Mr. Britt began manufacturing couches, his father-in-law, Frank Hennes, erecting a building and starting him in this business at No. 28 East Jackson street, Wilkes-Barre, where he continues, carrying on upholstering,

carpet laying and fitting. Politically he is a Democrat; socially he holds membership in the Fraternal Order of Eagles. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Wilkes-Barre has in him a faithful member.

On March 3, 1889, William T. A. Britt married Anna Henneges, who was born at Lee Park, Luzerne Co., Pa., July 4, 1868, daughter of Frank and Margaret (Baldes) Henneges. Mr. and Mrs. Britt have had the following children: Margaret F. M., Mrs. Girvan; Mary Agnes, born Sept. 18, 1892, who died at the age of nineteen years; Esther, who died at the age of three years, four months; Arline Kate, born Dec. 11, 1894; Helen, born Oct. 28, 1896; Gertrude Elizabeth, who died aged two years, three months; Frank, born Sept. 1, 1901; and William, born Sept. 1, 1903.

Frank Henneges married Margaret Baldes, a daughter of Frank and Anna (Baldes) Baldes, and they had children as follows: Anna, who became Mrs. Britt; Nicholas, deceased, who married Nellie MacDonald (she is deceased); Mamie, widow of W. G. Behne (she has two children, Esther and Frances); Frances, who married E. J. Morgan and has one child, Margaret Leona; Lena, who died in childhood; and Nicholas, who also died in childhood. The mother died at Wilkes-Barre April 30, 1913, aged ninety-four years. The entire family are connected with St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and those who are deceased are interred in the cemetery connected with that parish.

Frank Baldes, great-grandfather of Mrs. John Girvan, located at Wilkes-Barre in an early day and started a liquor business at the corner of North and Main streets. At his death the business was taken over by his son-in-law, Frank Henneges, who finally located at Sixth and North Main streets, Wilkes-Barre, where the business is still continued, being now over half a century old.

**MAHLON C. HETLER**, mayor of Berwick, Columbia county, and proprietor of a general store and meat market in that city, was born July 8, 1870, at Hetlerville, same county, son of Michael B. and Fanny (Lutz) Hetler.

Michael Hetler, the paternal grandfather of Mahlon C. Hetler, was a native of Berks county, Pa., and an early settler of Columbia county, where he founded the town of Hetlerville. He was a large landowner and extensive farmer, and died on the property on which he had first settled.

Michael B. Hetler, son of Michael, and father of Mahlon C. Hetler, was born at Hetlerville, and in his youth learned the trade of carpenter. In time he drifted into contracting, and for many years was engaged in building in Columbia county, but eventually engaged in farming, and was the owner of two large properties at the time of his death, Feb. 17, 1911.

Gabriel Lutz, the maternal grandfather of Mahlon C. Hetler, was born and reared in Columbia county, was engaged in farming here for many years, and founded a substantial family. His parents were of German descent and natives of Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania.

Michael B. and Fanny (Lutz) Hetler had a family of six children: Jesse C., a carpenter and contractor, of Mifflinville, Pa.; Alice, who became the wife of Jacob Gearhart, of Mifflinville; Sarah, the wife of Daniel McGrover, of Ashland, Pa.; James, deceased, who was superintendent of the coal and coke plant of Pardee & Company, at Blackwood, Va., at the time of his death; Mahlon C.; and Carrie, a professional nurse, of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Mahlon C. Hetler received his education in the schools of Hetlerville, and remained at home until twenty-two years of age. At that time he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as ticket agent at Nescopeck, Pa., and after remaining with them for nine years engaged in the general store business, as proprietor of the establishment formerly owned by Isaiah Bower, at Berwick. He has continued to conduct this business to the present time, and has made a decided success of his enterprise.

In 1898 Mr. Hetler was married to Minnie Sonn, who was born at Hazleton, Pa., daughter of Joseph and Mary (Bennett) Sonn, the father now living retired at Nescopeck, Pa. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sonn were: Jennie, the wife of Louis Wilson, of Philadelphia; Sallie, deceased, who was the wife of Joseph Crawford, of Williamsport, Pa.; William, a resident of Canton, Ohio; Ida, the wife of Joseph Lins, of Shamokin, Pa.; Hannah, the wife of Louis Sterner, a resident of Beach Haven, Pa.; Minnie; one who died young; Emma, the wife of George Reese, of Rochester, N. Y.; and Edith, also a resident of Rochester. Mrs. Joseph Sonn died in May, 1914, and is buried in Roselawn cemetery, at West Berwick.

A Democrat in his political views, Mr. Hetler served three years in the city council, of



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which he became president, and in 1908 became his party's candidate for the office of mayor, to which he was elected, and in which he has served five years. He is a member of Berwick Lodge of Elks, No. 1138, of which he is past exalted ruler; Berwick Lodge, Royal Arcanum, and the Merchants' Association of Berwick. He has served faithfully as a member of the Berwick Hospital board, and with his wife is a member of the Lutheran Church.

**WILLIAM THOMAS STOUT**, assistant lumber agent for the American Car and Foundry Company, was born July 26, 1876, in Sterling Run, Cameron Co., Pa., son of Stryker Stout, and grandson of Thomas Stout.

Thomas Stout, the grandfather of William Thomas Stout, was a lumberman in Carbon county, and this business he followed all his life. He had the following children: John R., who lives in Wilkes-Barre; Stryker; Thomas, who lives in Hawley, Wayne Co., Pa.; Frank, who is deceased; Susan, residing in Aberdeen, S. D.; Sarah and James, both also deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stout are buried at White Haven, Pennsylvania.

Stryker Stout, the father of William Thomas Stout, was born April 27, 1845, in Carbon county, Pa. Early in life he entered the lumber business, and spent several years in the employ of the Albert Lewis Lumber Company, at Buena Vista, Carbon county, after which he moved to Dorrance township, Luzerne county, and bought a tract of 170 acres and a sawmill, which he operated for many years. Later he sold his farm and mill and moved to Lake Nuangola, Luzerne county, where he is now conducting a summer hotel. He married Martha A. Streeter, daughter of William and Martha Ann (Frear) Streeter, and they were the parents of the following children: Ida, deceased, was the wife of Daniel Rinehimer, of Slocum township, Luzerne county; Helen is the wife of Simon A. Sims, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; William Thomas is mentioned below; Emma married Edward Stair, of Freeland, Pa.; Stryker died when thirteen years of age; Mabel and Minnie died young; a son died in infancy. Mr. Stout is a Republican, but has never sought public office. He is a member of White Haven Lodge, No. 254, I. O. O. F., and Washington Camp, No. 170, P. O. S. of A. He is also an active member of the Methodist Church. His wife, who died at the age of thirty-six years, is buried in the family lot in the cemetery at White Haven, Pennsylvania.

William Thomas Stout was educated in the public schools of Buena Vista, Carbon county, and Dorrance township, Luzerne county, after which he entered the Wilkes-Barre Business College, of which Prof. J. W. Wood was principal, taking the commercial course. After finishing his studies at this college he entered the employ of his father, in the lumber business in Dorrance township, as clerk and bookkeeper, and assisted in the sawmill. He remained there until he was twenty-one years of age, when he went to Nanticoke, Pa., and entered the employ of M. J. Rees, general merchant, as clerk and bookkeeper, where he remained for two years, after which he returned to Dorrance township and was made manager of his father's business, also conducting the sawmill. After two years with his father he came to Berwick and entered the wood car shop of the American Car and Foundry Company, where he continued a short time. He was then transferred to the office of the company and made assistant to W. W. Hanly, lumber agent, which position he has been capably filling to the present time.

On Aug. 29, 1895, Mr. Stout was married to Elizabeth A. Myers, a daughter of Reuben J. and Mary Ann (Hoch) Myers, and they have the following children: Clyde Myers, who was born June 2, 1897; and Ruth Marian, born Sept. 7, 1900. Mr. Stout is a Republican in his political views, and is active in his party, serving the borough of Berwick at the present time as president of the council. He is a member of Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A., having withdrawn from Camp No. 170, of which he is a past president. Mr. Stout is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and is active in the councils of that body, serving as one of the official board and as president of the Ushers' Association.

Elizabeth A. Myers, wife of William Thomas Stout, was born Sept. 26, 1874, in Slocum township, Luzerne Co., Pa., daughter of Reuben J. Myers, and granddaughter of Phillip Myers. His grandfather was a merchant and farmer of Slocum township, and was the owner of several very fine farms, which upon his death were divided among his children.

Reuben J. Myers, Mrs. Stout's father, was born and educated in Slocum township, and was the owner of a fine farm of 120 acres, which he operated all his life. He married Mary Ann Hoch, daughter of Philip Hoch, a farmer of the same section, and the following

children were born to them: Lyman married Ida Fink, and resides in Slocum township; Margaret married Henry Ogden, and also lives in Slocum township; Anning married Etta Sliker; Elizabeth A. is Mrs. W. T. Stout; Reuben is deceased. Reuben J. Myers was a Democrat, and a member of the United Evangelical Church of Slocum township. He and his wife are buried in that township.

**WILLIAM A. HAGENBUCH**, an employee of the Berwick Store Company, was born April 17, 1841, in Centre township, Columbia county. The Hagenbuch family record is of great interest historically, and the members of the family now living are many in number and prominent in the affairs of their respective places of residence.

John Hagenbuch, grandfather of William A., was born in Northampton county, Pa., and while quite young came with his parents to Centre township. There they resided all of their lives and were laid at rest in the Hilday cemetery, John passing away in 1845 and his wife preceding him several years. John bought 400 acres of land from a man by the name of Smith, when he first came to the county, and proceeded to clear a portion of it. He married Catherine Dreisbach, and they had eight sons: Conrad, Simon, John, Jacob, Michael, Daniel, Junius and Charles. As these boys grew to manhood the father erected buildings for them and apportioned each a small tract of land as a nest egg. To Conrad, a weaver, he gave thirty-five acres; to Simon, a farmer and freighter, sixty-three acres; to John, a farmer, fifty-seven acres; to Jacob, a wheelwright and colorer, thirty acres; to Michael, a wheelwright, seventeen acres and a timber lot; to Daniel, a farmer, sixty-three acres; to Junius, a weaver, twenty acres; to Charles, a blacksmith, twenty acres.

Michael Hagenbuch, father of William A., died April 12, 1852, aged fifty-two years, seven months, twenty-four days. To the seventeen acres given him by his father he added thirteen more, built a shop, and carried on the business of wagon making and repairing. He was a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Mary, daughter of John Hess, and they had the following children: Jackson, deceased; Wesley, deceased; William; Levina, who married Enos L. Fowler (both deceased); Catherine, widow of Isaiah Freas; and one child that died in infancy. The mother passed away Sept. 7, 1867, aged sixty-five years, eight months, one day.

William Hagenbuch was educated in the schools of Centre and Briar creek townships, and as his father had died in the days of his early youth he made his home with his brother-in-law, Enos L. Fowler. He remained with Mr. Fowler until his thirty-first birthday, and then went to Berwick and took a position with the Jackson & Woodin Company, operating boring and mortising machines for twenty-six years. After that time he entered the employ of the Berwick Store Company, with whom he has remained up to the present time. Mr. Hagenbuch is a Republican in politics; a member of Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta; of the Berwick Beneficial Association; and is connected with the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church. In 1872 he married Fannie, daughter of Paul and Sarah (Miller) Kirkendall, and they have had two children: Charles Ernest, born Sept. 28, 1873, married Ada Beishline, of Berwick; Mary, born Aug. 19, 1884, married Paul Lohr, of Berwick.

Leonard Kirkendall, grandfather of Mrs. Hagenbuch, was born Feb. 12, 1804, in Mifflin township, son of Emanuel and Mary Kirkendall, both of whom lie at rest in the Brown cemetery in Mifflin township. Leonard was educated in the old subscription schools and devoted all of his life to farming upon his domain of 120 acres. He married Mary, daughter of Paul and Christina Grover, and they had children: Mary, born Sept. 23, 1830, died Nov. 19, 1905; Emanuel, born Aug. 27, 1834, died at the age of sixty-seven, married Margaret Snyder, also deceased; Paul was the father of Mrs. Hagenbuch. Leonard Kirkendall was a devoted father and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, in which he held the position of elder. He and his wife are interred in the Brown cemetery, near the last resting place of his father and mother.

Paul Kirkendall, father of Mrs. Hagenbuch, was born June 24, 1826, in Mifflin township, where he acquired his education and worked on the farm until his twenty-first year. He then took up the trade of carpenter, which he followed the rest of his life. He married Sarah, daughter of Charles and Sarah (Hawn) Miller, and their union was blessed with but one child, Fannie, Mrs. Hagenbuch. Mr. Kirkendall moved to Berwick when Fannie was but four years old, and there spent the rest of his life. He was a Democrat, a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and connected with the Presbyterian Church. His wife was very active in church work, she and another lady conducting a Sun-

day school one winter when interest had slackened and volunteers were not available. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkendall are interred in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick. Paul Kirkendall died April 12, 1901, and his wife, born July 4, 1823, died Feb. 23, 1887.

Fannie Kirkendall (Mrs. Hagenbuch) was born May 3, 1849, in Mifflin township. She attended public school at Berwick and Berwick Academy, under Prof. S. C. Jaynes. She is a member of the Bower Memorial Evangelical Church (her husband also being very active in the work of that organization), is a member of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid Society, of which latter she has been president for ten years.

WILLIAM E. TUBBS, a substantial resident of Berwick, Pa., who is engaged in general hauling and street sprinkling, was born July 18, 1858, in Fairmount township, Luzerne Co., Pa., son of Daniel and Felicia Ann (Keck) Tubbs.

Church Tubbs, the grandfather of William E. Tubbs, was born in Huntington township, Luzerne county, and was eighty-four years of age at the time of his death. He was educated in the common schools, and was engaged in farming for a number of years, owning a tract of 100 acres, part of which was cleared. Some time prior to his death he retired from active pursuits. Mr. Tubbs was a staunch Republican, and his religious connection was with the Methodist Church. He married Rebecca Parks, of Ross township, Luzerne county, and they became the parents of the following children: Jemima, who married Milo Hoyt; Earl J., who married Phenie Monroe, and died while serving as a soldier during the Civil war; Elias, who married Elizabeth Blaine, and also met a soldier's death; William who married Mamie Van Horne and (second) Cordelia Van Horne; Daniel; Martha, who married William Harris; Joseph, who died as a Union soldier; Simon, who married Emma Crispell and (second) Phenie Allen; and Nathan, who went to the West.

The sons of Church Tubbs gave loyal service to their country during the Civil war: Earl J. enlisted in Company I, 143d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers; was mustered in Sept. 20, 1862, captured at Spottsylvania Court House, Va., May 14, 1864, and died at Andersonville, Ga., Aug. 22d of that year. Elias L. Tubbs was mustered in Sept. 20, 1862, as a private of the 143d Regiment (Company I), became corporal, and died at City Point,

Va., Oct. 28, 1864. William Tubbs was mustered in Aug. 20, 1862, as a member of Company E, 149th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, was wounded at Gettysburg July 1, 1863; transferred to the veteran reserve corps Oct. 17, 1864; discharged general orders, July 3, 1865. Joseph Tubbs was mustered in March 27, 1862, as a member of Company K, 36th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was a veteran of the 7th Reserves, and was killed at Bethesda Church, May 30, 1864. Daniel also served.

Daniel Tubbs, the father of William E. Tubbs, was born in 1837, in Huntington township, and died June 19, 1865, in Salem township, Luzerne county. He was educated in the common schools, and when a young man rented a farm and engaged in agricultural pursuits, being so occupied until 1863, when he enlisted in the Union army for service during the Civil war, his family moving from Fairmount to Salem township. He was sworn in at Harrisburg, Sept. 3, 1864, as a member of Company D, 199th Regiment, and saw much active service. Having contracted chronic diarrhea and been wounded in battle at Fort Gregg, Petersburg, Va., April 2, 1865, he was discharged by general orders, May 18, 1865, and his sickness and injuries eventually culminated in his death. Mr. Tubbs married Felicia Ann Keck, daughter of Peter and Judith (Klinetob) Keck, of Nescopeck, Luzerne county, and they had three children: Joseph C., who married Roxanna Pollock; Judith S., who married George Clewell; and William E. Mrs. Tubbs subsequently married H. W. Moore, and they had two children: Minnie S., who married Thomas Brobst; and Woodward C., who married Nellie Royer. Mr. Tubbs was a Republican politically, and he was a faithful member of the Methodist Church.

Peter Keck, the maternal grandfather of William E. Tubbs, was born Feb. 16, 1809, in an old log house which stood along the river bank at Nescopeck, Luzerne county. His father, Solomon Keck, had come from Berks county and served during the last year of the war of 1812. When twelve years of age Peter Keck went to Mauch Chunk, where he worked two summers on the canal, and in 1827 worked on the Pennsylvania canal. He was married in 1828 and lived in Salem township, Luzerne county, for a short time, then going to Fairmount township, where he cleared land. Returning to Salem township in 1865, he then moved to Berwick. He was the father of children as follows: Mrs. Cath-

rine Richards, of Huntington; Nathaniel, of Salem; Mrs. Felicia Ann Tubbs, of Wilkes-Barre; Christ, of Salem; William, of North Berwick; Henry S., of Berwick; and Mrs. Mary Ann Cope, of Berwick.

The grandchildren are as follows: Hendrick and Miss Laura Richards, of Waterton, Luzerne Co., Pa.; John Keck, of Salem; Jesse Keck, Wilkes-Barre; Daniel Keck, Berwick; Thomas Keck, Sunbury; Mrs. Addie Shaffer, Sayre; W. E. Tubbs, J. C. Tubbs, Berwick; Mrs. George Clewell, Mrs. Minnie Brobst, Scranton; W. C. Moore, Wilkes-Barre; John Keck, Salem; Mrs. McClellan Cope, Berwick; Charles Keck, Berwick; Frank, Arthur and Miss Alice Black, Berwick; Gilbert, North Dakota; Peter, Canada; Mrs. Bird Pollock, Floyd Cope, Herbert Cope and Ollie Cope, Berwick.

The great-grandchildren of Peter Keck are as follows: Mrs. Harry Seely, D. C. Tubbs, Verdie Tubbs, Bessie Cope, Lawrence Keck, Fred and Doyle Keck, Lloyd Pollock, Berwick; Lena, Guy and Boyd Keck, North Berwick; Lucinda and Ruth Keck, Lester Keck, Salem; Maurice and Ralph Keck, Wilkes-Barre; Elmer and Roy Keck, Sunbury; Vida, Clinton, Fred, Florence, Mildred, Alvin and Cleo Shaffer, Sayre, N. Y.; Miss Verdie Kline and Florence Brobst, of Scranton; Mabel Moore, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and Mrs. Clark Hull, of Philadelphia.

The great-great-grandchildren (those in the fifth generation from Peter Keck) trace their lineage as follows: Peter Keck, Mrs. Tubbs, W. E. Tubbs, Mrs. Clark Hull and Glenn Hull; Peter Keck, Mrs. Tubbs, Mrs. George Clewell, Mrs. Harry Kline, and Paul and Mildred Kline; Peter Keck, Nathaniel Keck, John Keck, Mrs. Harry Seely and Lawrence Seely.

William E. Tubbs was educated in Moore's schoolhouse, at Berwick, and the Market street school at Berwick. In 1875 he embarked upon his career in the foundry of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, as a wheel molder and coremaker under D. C. McHenry, superintendent, and William Fenstermaker, foreman. In 1892 he moved to Wilkes-Barre, where he embarked in the ice business, in 1899 returning to the American Car and Foundry Company, where he molded wheels under Sidney Lewis, superintendent, for one year. At that time (1899) he took up the sprinkling business on the streets of Berwick, in 1904 went into the coal business, in which he continued seven years, and in 1911 began the business of general sprinkling in the summer months and general hauling in the

winter season. His business has been exceptionally successful, and under his able and efficient management has assumed large proportions. Mr. Tubbs is an ardent and active Prohibitionist. He is a Methodist in his religious belief, and his fraternal connection is with Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Mr. Tubbs was married to Annie Groh, who was born Nov. 1, 1858, at Espy, daughter of John and Catherine (Steiner) Groh, of Espy, Columbia Co. Pa., and three children were born to this union: Daniel C., born Nov. 1, 1881, now living at Buffalo, N. Y.; Myra Blanche, born Nov. 7, 1883, who is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick; and Evelyn Isabel, born Sept. 11, 1886, now the wife of Clark Hull. Mrs. Tubbs died April 6, 1901, and was buried in Pine Grove cemetery. Her father, John Groh, was born at Espy, there received a common school education, and spent his early life as a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal, later becoming devoted to the mercantile business at Espy, where he died in 1909. He married Catherine Steiner, and they became the parents of the following children: Alverna, who married Mordan Dawson; Parvin, who married Annie Fox; Annie, Mrs. Tubbs; William, who married Elizabeth Murry; Walton, who married Louise Kirkendall; and Myra, who married Harry Wapples. Mr. Groh was a Democrat, affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and was a faithful member of the Methodist Church.

For his second wife Mr. Tubbs married Mrs. Lottie Jones, daughter of James and Elmira Rook, of Berwick, Pa. She was born Aug. 27, 1871, at Berwick, and went to the Market street school there, but at the age of thirteen years moved to Nanticoke, where she was subsequently married to William Jones, of Masteg, Wales, a machinist of Nanticoke. Two children were born to this union: Ella, who is deceased and buried at Nanticoke; and Clara, who married Harold Aikman.

John Rook, the grandfather of Mrs. Tubbs, was born at Berwick, Pa., and became one of the prominent men of that borough, being a leader in local Republican politics, and serving before the war as postmaster, an office which he held at the time of his death. He married Anna Herring, daughter of Samuel Herring, of Berwick, and they became the parents of the following children: Fannie, who married Augustus Rush; William, who married Dinnis Iwank and (second) Ola Andrews; Ellie, who married Alfred Walton; Alice, who married Thomas Welliver; James, who married

Elmira Evans; Maggie, who married William Boyles; Samuel, who married Louisa Kurtz; Laura, who married Oscar McBride; and Annie, who married Charles George. Mr. and Mrs. Rook were consistent members of the Methodist Church.

James Rook, the father of Mrs. Tubbs, was born in October, 1843, at Berwick, Pa., and received his educational training in the old academy on Market street. He first secured employment at the Jackson & Woodin Company's plant at Foundryville, and later was with the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and finally with the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick. He was employed in the machine shop under Abner Welsh and Thomas Van Tassel, and is now retired. He married Elmira Evans, daughter of William and Clarinda (Lockart) Evans, of Evansville, Pa., and three children have been born to this union, namely: Fannie, who married Freeman Thomas, of Nanticoke; Lottie; and Lawrence, who married Minnie Gensel, and now resides at Hammond, Ind. (they have two children, Mary Jane, born Jan. 7, 1900, and Elmira Helen, born Aug. 28, 1902.)

**WILLIAM J. GEORGE**, a general merchant at Pensyl, Columbia Co., Pa., was born Jan. 4, 1854, son of Jackson and Mary (Leiby) George. His paternal grandfather, Jonathan George, came from Germany to this country, and married a native of England.

Jonathan George after living at Minersville for some years, moved to Brush Valley, and engaged in the sawmill business. He bought a farm in Franklin township, Columbia county, where his death occurred during the Civil war, and his remains were interred in the cemetery at Numidia, where his wife also lies at rest. Their children were: Washington, Elias, Jackson, William, Mayberry, Mrs. Ernst, Mrs. David Peece, Mrs. John Hatter. Politically the father was a Republican.

Jackson George and his wife Mary (Leiby) were the parents of William J., Jeremiah, Harvey, Hains and Mayberry. They farmed for eight years in Roaringcreek township and then moved to Numidia, where Mr. George died. Then his wife returned to the farm and lived there three years, when she removed to Aristes.

William J. George worked in the breaker at Aristes until he was fourteen years old, and then went into the mines, driving team and laboring for a few years. At the age of eighteen he went to learn the carpenter's trade, but going back to the mines continued that

kind of work seven years more. For five years he conducted a store at West Pittston, and then coming to Pensyl bought his present business. Mr. George carries a general line of merchandise, and enjoys the good patronage to which his methods entitle him to. The Republican party has his support, and he has served as inspector and clerk of election. For many years he has been a consistent member of the United Brethren Church. Fraternally he belongs to the Sons of America.

In 1876 Mr. George was married to Emeline Fetterman, a daughter of Benjamin Fetterman, and children as follows were born to them: Carrie V., who married Herbert Street; Harry, who is deceased; Benjamin, mentioned below; Charley; Jessie; Thomas; Raymond; Paul; Katherine, and Bertha. The mother died recently.

Benjamin George was fire boss at the Scranton mines when occurred the tragic accident in which one man was killed. Had it not been for the bravery of this young man there would have been two more fatalities, but Benjamin George heroically braved the almost certain danger from the caving earth and went back for two of his men, bringing them out to safety. He attempted to rescue the other, but was prevented by another avalanche of earth. Mr. George was awarded a Carnegie medal and \$1,000 for his bravery, and the papers lauded him justly for his heroic action.

**WILLIAM C. VOUGHT**, engaged in the general insurance business at Berwick, Pa., was born in that borough March 22, 1873, son of Josiah and Fannie (Bilby) Vought.

Isaac Vought, the grandfather of William C. Vought, was of German ancestry, and at an early date settled at Wyoming, Luzerne Co., Pa. Later he moved to Illinois, where he remained a short time, then returning to Pennsylvania and settling at Danville. In 1867 he came to Berwick, Pa., and here continued to reside for many years, passing away at the remarkable age of ninety-eight, in 1894.

Josiah Vought, son of Isaac Vought, was born in Illinois, and upon coming to Berwick, Pa., became connected with the firm of Freas Brothers, of which he became superintendent. At the present time he is general superintendent of machinery and equipment for the Paragon Plaster and Supply Company. He was married in Berwick to Fannie Bilby, daughter of William Bilby, a soldier during the Civil war who was killed

in battle. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Vought: William C.; Edward, who is a resident of Scranton, Pa.; Brittain, also of Scranton; Harry, who is deceased; and Fred, living at Scranton.

William C. Vought received his early education in the public schools of Berwick, and supplemented it by attendance at Wood's Business College, Scranton, Pa. During school vacation he entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Mfg. Co., Berwick, in whose plant he learned the machinist's trade, following that occupation for several years at Scranton, Pa. Returning to Berwick in 1904, he accepted a position as foreman with the American Car and Foundry Company, later was with the Mansfield Lumber Company as manager, continuing in this capacity for one and a half years, and then embarked in his present business, opening a suite of offices in the Dickson building, at Berwick. Through the exercise of honesty, integrity, energy and good management, he has built up a prosperous business, and has become widely known in insurance circles. He is an active member of the Berwick Lodge, No. 1138, B. P. O. Elks, and of Berwick Aerie, No. 1281, F. O. Eagles, and is secretary of the latter organization. Politically a Republican, he has taken an active part in public affairs, and for the last three years has served as secretary of the board of health.

In 1893 Mr. Vought was married to Jennie Mann, a native of Columbia county, Pa., born in Beaver Valley, daughter of John S. and Sallie (Brobst) Mann, both now deceased. The father, for years a hotelkeeper and boatman, was active in the political affairs of his locality. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Vought, namely: Reginald, Blanche, John, Fred and Hudson, all of whom are living with their parents.

JAMES SEYMOUR LOCKARD operates the homestead in Greenwood township, Columbia county, which his father bought in 1850, and the family have been residing there continuously since. His parents, James and Sarah (Cole) Lockard, were among the first settlers in the neighborhood and were always among its most respected residents.

James Lockard was of Scotch-Irish descent, his parents coming from Scotland when young. His wife, Sarah (Cole) Lockard, was the daughter of Nicholas Cole and was born in New Jersey, being a child when her parents removed to a farm in Greenwood township, where she resided until her marriage. To

Mr. and Mrs. Lockard were born the following children: John H., who is unmarried, follows the carpenter's trade, and lives in Greenwood township; Ella, who married James Hynes, of Rock Island, Ill., has two children; Lizzie married Lloyd Albertson and they removed to Rock Island, where they reside (they have three children); Margaret married D. W. Parker, of Rohrsburg, and they have had three children, two of whom are deceased; James Seymour is next in the family; Harvey J., a farmer in Greenwood township, married Ella Trivelpiece.

James Seymour Lockard was born Oct. 17, 1868, and obtained his schooling in the home neighborhood. His principal attention has always been given to farming, which he now carries on upon the homestead his father purchased in 1850; he now owns the property.

On Oct. 9, 1907, he married Florence N. Ingram, and to them one child, James N. Lockard, has been born. Mr. Lockard attends the Christian Church.

George Ingram, Mrs. Lockard's father, is of old Pennsylvania stock, being the son of George D. Ingram, a veteran of the Civil war, and his wife Eliza (Davis). George Ingram married Mary Lindenmuth, who is of German descent, and they are farming people of Columbia county. Nine children have been born to them: Howard A., of Renovo, Pa., a builder (he is unmarried); Florence N., Mrs. Lockard; Charles A., a lumberman, of Fillmore, N. Y. (he is married and has two children); Belle, who married Arthur Parker and resides in Greenwood township; Cora, of Bloomsburg; Homer H., Daniel H., Ella and Blanche, at home.

JOHN R. McANALL, superintendent of the hospital department of the American Car and Foundry Company, Berwick, Pa., was born in that city Aug. 4, 1852.

John McAnall, his father, was born March 17, 1815, in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he attended the public schools. He came to America at the age of sixteen and settled in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., where he rented a small farm. He took up the occupation of teamster, hauling flour, grain and feed for a coal company at Jeddo, continuing this work until his death, Sept. 28, 1878. He was a constable of Berwick and for a number of years a justice of the peace, dying while in office. Politically he was an adherent of the Republican party, and in religious connection a member of the Presbyterian Church of Berwick, in which he was an

elder and a deacon. He married Katherine German, who was born Aug. 1, 1821, daughter of John and Lucy German, and their children were: Fannie, wife of Mahlon Elliott; Mary, wife of Frank S. Hunt; Robert, who died young; John R., mentioned below; Charles K.; and Ulysses G. Mr. McAnall was a member of the Odd Fellows for forty years and a charter member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.

John R. McAnall attended the public schools and graduated from the high school of Berwick. At the age of eighteen he began to learn stonecutting with L. Kurtz & Son, working in the summer months and going to school during the winter. He remained with the firm for sixteen years, and then, his health failing, clerked in a store for one year. He had previously worked with the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, lettering cars, and in 1904 took charge of the storehouse of the American Car and Foundry Company, handling the car finishers' supplies for a year. Then he was given charge of the first-aid hospital, and in 1906 took full charge. He also places fire, plate glass and boiler insurance.

Mr. McAnall married Josephine F. Laubach, and they have had children as follows: Alice Leona, wife of Clark D. Eaton, has two children, Fred H. and John McA; Grace L. is the wife of Walter Drumheller, of Sunbury. Mr. McAnall is a Progressive, and has been borough auditor and judge of elections. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of the P. O. S. of A. and of the Knights of Malta.

John Laubach, grandfather of Mrs. McAnall, was of German parentage, a farmer by occupation, and resided at Fairmount Springs, Luzerne county. He was called "the friend of the poor." He married Ann Frontche, and they had these children: Rhoda; Abraham; Isaac; Peter; George; Daniel; John F.; Christian; David, who married May Pennington; Frederick, who married Lucy Harrison; and Joseph, who died young.

John Frontche Laubach, father of Mrs. John R. McAnall, was born in Fairmount Springs. He taught school and practiced surveying, and was a prominent citizen of the county. He was a Republican, a Methodist, and a member of the Odd Fellows order. He married Susannah, daughter of Solomon and Amanda (Dodson) Taylor, and their children were: Herbert C., who married Emma Harmon; Jessie F.; John B., who married Emma Revis (he is buried in Pine Grove cemetery,

Berwick); Josephine F.; and Daniel W., who died young and is buried in Pine Grove.

CHARLES K. McANALL, one of Berwick's respected and honored citizens, was born July 20, 1857, and has spent his entire life in that borough. His father, John McAnall, was of Scottish descent and birth, born in Edinburgh, March 17, 1815. He attended the public schools of that city until he was sixteen years of age, when he emigrated to America. Coming to Columbia county, Pa., in 1831, he settled on a farm in Briarcreek township, and later removed to Berwick. Besides engaging in farming he also contracted with a coal company at Jeddo to haul flour, grain and feed. He served as constable of Berwick for a number of years and later as justice of the peace, an office which he occupied until his death, which occurred Sept. 28, 1878. He was a believer in the principles of the Whig party, and on the formation of the Republican party became a member thereof and supported it the remainder of his life. He was one of the early members of the Presbyterian Church of Berwick, and served as elder and deacon for years. His wife, Katherine, a daughter of John and Lucy German, was born Aug. 1, 1821. Their children were as follows: Mary, who married Frank S. Hunt, both deceased; Robert, who died in youth; Fannie, deceased, wife of Mahlon Elliott; John R.; Charles K.; and Ulysses G., who died aged ten years. Mr. McAnall belonged to the I. O. O. F., being a charter member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, with which he was connected for over forty years, and he took an active part in its work.

Charles K. McAnall attended the public schools of Berwick while a young man, and after leaving school entered the employ of W. F. Snyder, with whom he remained about five years, learning the painter's trade. He then entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, remaining with them in various capacities for more than thirty years, and was one of their honored and trusted employees, well meriting the confidence reposed in him. In 1910 he accepted an agency for the Continental and Casualty Insurance Company, and also became connected with the Union Central Insurance Company, of Cincinnati. He is devoting his entire time to the writing of insurance, and has built up a large and lucrative business.

In politics Mr. McAnall has supported the principles of the Republican party, and has taken an active part in its affairs in the city



and county. He has served several terms as judge of elections, inspector of elections and registry assessor.

Mr. McAnall is a member of the Baptist Church, and has served as leader of the choir for many years. Both he and his wife are staunch supporters of this church, and have contributed time and money to its welfare.

On June 27, 1881, Mr. McAnall was married to Clementine Virginia, a daughter of Asher McBride, who was a resident of West Salem, Ohio. Mrs. McAnall has been a resident of Berwick for many years, coming to this town when a young girl. The children of this marriage are Robert Little, who was born April 1, 1885, and Ernest Becker, who was born March 9, 1888.

In his various occupations, Mr. McAnall has always been energetic and trustworthy, and has won the esteem of the community in which he lives. He is a member of Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A., Berwick, and of Camp No. 70, P. O. of A.

John German, father of Mrs. John McAnall, was born about 1777 in Berks county, Pa., of German ancestry. He died in a Philadelphia hospital about 1837, and was buried in that city. He and his wife Lucy had three children: Luther, born Dec. 13, 1818, who died April 13, 1914, and is buried at Derris, Columbia county; Katherine, born Aug. 1, 1821; and Isabel, born March 27, 1822, who died Jan. 1, 1894, and is buried in Missouri.

JEREMIAH B. NUSS, now living retired at Bloomsburg, Pa., was born at Mainville, Columbia Co., Pa., in October, 1850, a son of John Nuss and grandson of John Nuss.

John Nuss, the grandfather, owned a large tract of land adjacent to the Reformed Church at Mainville, and is buried in the cemetery attached to that church. He spent a long and useful life as an agriculturalist. John Nuss married Esther Shult, and they had children as follows: Samuel, who died at Shamokin; Charles died in Main township; Daniel died in Main township; John is mentioned below; Franklin died in the State of Indiana; Joseph died near Wilkes-Barre; Sarah married Daniel Shipe; Mary married Gideon Gearhart and (second) Henry Bowman; Hettie married Lott Werts; Abbie married Peter Hartzell.

John Nuss, son of John Nuss, and father of Jeremiah B. Nuss, was born in 1814 in Main township, and there followed farming until 1871, when he embarked in the milling business at Mainville. He bought his mill

from Jacob Shuman and operated it until 1876, when he took his son into partnership, the firm becoming J. M. Nuss & Son, which association continued until the death of the senior member, in 1891. John Nuss married Mary Gearhart, a daughter of Jacob and Polly Gearhart, and they had children: Sarah, who married William Fisher; Martin W.; Mary, who married Boyd Hawk; Esther, who married Daniel B. Fetterolf; and Jeremiah B.

Jeremiah B. Nuss after attending the public schools of his neighborhood went to the Williamsport business college, at Williamsport, and the Bloomsburg State Normal School, being a member of the first class to be graduated from the latter institution. Having thus fitted himself for teaching, Mr. Nuss became an educator, and taught for seven years, all of his schools being in Columbia county. Following this he became a bookkeeper for Smedley Brothers of Philadelphia, and so continued until 1876, being with this firm for five years. In the latter year Mr. Nuss entered into partnership with his father at Mainville, Pa., and after the death of the latter continued to operate the mill until 1904, when he retired to Bloomsburg, where he is now living at No. 522 East street. In 1906 he sold his milling property.

In 1881 Mr. Nuss married Ada Shuman, a daughter of George Shuman, and she died in 1884. In 1891 Mr. Nuss married Annie Supplee, a daughter of George W. and Sarah (Hamer) Supplee, and they became the parents of two children: Preston, who was graduated from the local high school, is now a drug clerk at Bloomsburg; Ruth, after graduating from the local high school, was graduated from the Bloomsburg State Normal in the class of 1912.

Mr. Nuss is a Democrat. His religious connection is with the Reformed Church, of which he has long been a consistent member. He belongs to the P. O. S. of A. and is one of the prominent members of that order. For many years Mr. Nuss has taken a keen interest in Sunday school work, now teaching a large class of men, and he is often sent as a delegate to the different Sunday school conventions, being regarded as a most efficient man for this purpose. He has traveled considerably, and he and his family have made several enjoyable trips to the Pacific coast. One of the most reliable and substantial men of his city, Mr. Nuss is devoting much of his time to the betterment of humanity and is interested in any measure which he be-

lieves will tend towards a permanent moral uplift.

The Supplee family of Pennsylvania was founded in the American Colonies by Andros Souplis (as the name was then spelled), a distinguished young officer of the French army who, in 1682, owing to the disturbed condition of his own country, escaped into Germany, where he was united in marriage with Gertrude Stressinger. In 1684 the young couple came to Philadelphia, Pa. He was a man of remarkable intelligence and dignified capability, and his excellent traits of character were recognized and appreciated by that sagacious judge of human nature, William Penn, who made of him a warm personal friend. A son of the founder of the family changed the spelling of the name to Suplee, while later descendants still further changed it to Supplee.

Samuel Supplee, the grandfather of Mrs. Nuss, resided in Montgomery county, Pa., where he engaged in farming until his removal to Philadelphia, where he died. He married Catherine Reinwalt, who also died in Philadelphia. Their children were: George W., John, Emeline and Mary.

George W. Supplee, son of Samuel and father of Mrs. Nuss, was born in Montgomery county, Pa., where he too became an agriculturalist. Until 1855 he farmed in his native county, in that year moving to Columbia county, where he first settled at White Hall, but ten years later, in 1865, moved to Jerseytown. There he continued to have his home until 1886, when he came to Bloomsburg, where his useful life terminated in 1895.

George W. Supplee married Sarah Hamer, who died at Bloomsburg in 1900, and both are buried in Rosemont cemetery. They had children as follows: Antoinetta, who married Cyrus DeMott; Gertrude, who married Albert Girton; Horace G.; Annie, who married Jeremiah B. Nuss; Emma, who died in childhood; Mary, who died in childhood; Sallie, who died in childhood; and George, who died at the age of seventeen years.

CLEMUEL R. BOWER, farmer and blacksmith, of Berwick, following his trade in the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company, was born at Briar Creek, Columbia Co., Pa., Nov. 20, 1853, son of Solomon and Sarah Ann (Adams) Bower.

Solomon Bower, father of Clemuel R. Bower, was of German descent, but his birthplace is unknown. His wife was born in Columbia county, Pa., and they were the par-

ents of eleven children, as follows: Rebecca, of Briarcreek township, widow of Silas Moyer, has five children; Delilah was the wife of Lloyd Boyles, and both are deceased; Wesley, deceased, left a widow and three children; Enos, deceased, remained single all his life and resided at Berwick, Pa.; Hiram lived in Berwick and at his death left a widow and seven children; Elijah, who is living at Foundryville, married Brose Gregory and had five children; Bowman, of Hetlerville, is married and has had five children; William, a resident of Foundryville, is unmarried; Emma married John Miller, of Salem, Luzerne county, and has had eleven children; Clemuel R. is mentioned below; Ella, widow of Philip Oberdorf, had three children.

Clemuel R. Bower received his education in the local schools, and as a young man entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, later the American Car and Foundry Company, with which concern he has been connected in various capacities for upwards of forty-five years. He was employed as a blacksmith for thirty-three years, and has been engaged in various capacities since. He has also carried on farming operations on his farm of twenty-one acres, and by industry, persistence and good management has made a success of his ventures. He is known as one of the reliable and public-spirited men of his community, and numbers many friends in a wide circle of acquaintances.

On Oct. 3, 1873, Mr. Bower was married to Clara J. Miller, of Foundryville, born June 20, 1858, one of the nine children of Reuben Miller, a farmer, miller and distiller, who passed away Dec. 31, 1887. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bower, namely: Florence C., born March 8, 1875, married Frank Fenstermaker (who is with the American Car and Foundry Company) and has seven children; Eva P., born July 15, 1876, of Foundryville, married Frank Martz (connected with the American Car and Foundry Company) and has one son; Clarence A., of Salem, born Feb. 14, 1878, now with the American Car and Foundry Company, married Minerva Henry and has eleven children; Claude W., born Oct. 20, 1880, also with the American Car and Foundry Company at North Berwick, married Martha Seely, and has three children; Edith S., born Oct. 2, 1882, is the wife of Seth Lamon, a farmer of Briarcreek township, and has three children; Leroy R., born Sept. 3, 1884, with the American Car and Foundry Company at North Berwick, married Laura Cope, and has two children; Stanley

O., born Sept. 8, 1886, broke through the ice and was drowned when a youth of sixteen years, Dec. 28, 1902; Hazel C., born Aug. 21, 1889, married Elmer Bomboy, a merchant in Scranton, Pa., and has one daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Bower are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Foundryville, and have been active in its work, Mr. Bower serving as trustee, treasurer, class leader and Sunday school superintendent. Mrs. Bower is president of the Ladies' Aid Society. A Democrat in his political views, Mr. Bower is a member of the election board and for fourteen years has acted in the capacity of school director.

**COURTNEY ELLSWORTH FERRIS**, assistant manager of the Berwick Store Company, a large enterprise of Berwick, has been identified with that concern since 1903 and has had a long experience in the mercantile business. He was born June 28, 1862, at De Ruyter, N. Y., son of George W. Ferris and a grandson of Jesse Ferris.

Jesse Ferris moved to Smyrna, N. Y., from Amsterdam, N. Y., and was one of the earliest settlers in Chenango county. He cleared up a large body of land and engaged in farming. His wife, Zerurah Decker, was probably of Amsterdam, and they had children as follows: Caleb, who was killed during the Civil war; Abram, who served during that war in the 157th New York Regiment; James, who was also in that war, now living at Frederika, Iowa; Nathaniel; George W., of the 5th New York Regiment; Lucina; Elizabeth, and Mary.

George W. Ferris, son of Jesse, was born in 1829 and died in 1864; he was buried at De Ruyter, N. Y. He was a carpenter and contractor at Smyrna and De Ruyter prior to entering the army for service in the Civil war, in which he served as a member of the 5th New York Heavy Artillery. Having a heavy cold, he was sent to the army hospitals at Washington, D. C., and Rochester, N. Y., and becoming worse he was sent home, where he died a few days after his arrival. In politics he was identified with the Republican party. He was a Methodist in religious faith. George W. Ferris married Lepha Tuthill, who was born July 28, 1830, daughter of Ziba L. and Irene (McKee) Tuthill, of Allegany county, N. Y., and they had three children: Morrell D., born in 1852, married Oliva Stokes, died in 1876, and was buried at Smyrna; Harriet, who died young, was buried at De Ruyter,

N. Y.; Courtney E. completes the family. The mother died April 6, 1914.

Courtney Ellsworth Ferris was educated in the public schools, graduating at Smyrna. Afterwards he went as clerk into the large general store of Dixon Brothers, at Smyrna, subsequently taking a commercial course and graduating from the Utica business college. About this time one of the Dixon brothers died and Mr. Ferris returned to that company to take his place in the clothing department, and although only nineteen years of age had charge of the clothing stock, which was valued at \$6,000. He continued there until 1888, when he left in order to go into business at Oswego Falls, N. Y., as a member of the firm of Dixon & Ferris, dry goods. When the mills subsequently shut down the firm sold out and Mr. Ferris entered the employ of Woodhull, Goodale & Bull, wholesale clothiers at Syracuse, and from there went to the Roberts-Wicks Company, at Utica, N. Y., with which firm he remained three years as a traveling salesman. Returning to Smyrna he organized the firm of Ferris, Sternberg & Co., taking over the general store of Dixon Brothers. In 1900 a disastrous fire occurred in Smyrna and Mr. Ferris' business block was burned. By 1903 the business had been started anew, but Mr. Ferris desired a different field and sold his interest, coming to Berwick and taking the position of floor manager with the Berwick Store Company, of which he is now assistant manager, in charge of several departments.

On Sept. 12, 1883, Mr. Ferris was married to Carrie Kellogg, born Jan. 23, 1862, a daughter of John and Alicia (Sprague) Kellogg, of Smyrna, N. Y., and they have four daughters: Edith Alicia, born June 18, 1884; Adelaide Lepha, born May 27, 1886; Harriet Arabell, born Aug. 18, 1888, wife of Jesse J. Kostenbauder; and Helen Theresa, born June 6, 1893. Mr. Ferris and his family belong to the Presbyterian Church. In politics he is a Republican, and fraternally he is identified with Sherburne Lodge, No. 444, F. & A. M., New York; Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., Bloomsburg, Pa., and also the Berwick Masonic Club. For the last ten years Mr. Ferris has been a member of the board of directors (elected three times) of the Y. M. C. A.

Loomis Kellogg, ancestor of Mrs. Carrie (Kellogg) Ferris, was born in Egremont, Mass., May 12, 1759, and died Oct. 6, 1849. He served in the war of the Revolution, his military record, as given in "Massachusetts

Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War," being as follows: Private, Capt. Ephraim Fitch's Co., Col. ——— (Berkshire Co.) regt., enlisted July 15, 1776, discharged August 3, 1776, service 19 days. Mileage out and home (200 miles) allowed. Company marched to the Highlands, N. Y., on an alarm; also Capt. Ephraim Fitch's Co., Col. Benjamin Simon's detachment of Berkshire Co. Militia; muster roll dated Ticonderoga, Feb. 25, 1777; enlisted Dec. 16, 1776; enlistment to expire March 15, 1777; also Capt. Ephraim Fitch's Co., Col. Ashley's (Berkshire Co.) Regt., enlisted July 21, 1777, discharged Aug. 14, 1777; service 25 days; mileage none (74 miles) allowed; also Capt. Elijah Deming's detachment from Col. Ashley's regt., enlisted June 4, 1778, discharged July 15, 1778, served 41 days. Detachment ordered to Albany by Gen. John Fellows, also Lieut. Andrew Loomis' Co., Col. Ashley's regt. (Berkshire Co.) enlisted Oct. 14, 1780, discharged Oct. 17, 1780, service 4 days; company called out in the alarm at Bennington of Oct. 14, 1780; also Capt. John Spoor's Co., Col. John Ashley, Jr.'s regt., enlisted Oct. 12, 1781, discharged Oct. 23, 1781, service 11 days; company ordered to march to Barnes' Heights, in Stillwater, Oct. 12, 1781, on an alarm.

Loomis Kellogg was a son of Lieut. Stephen Kellogg, born Oct. 17, 1721, who lived at Egremont, Mass. He was married Aug. 7, 1746, and died Aug. 9, 1767. The town of Westfield voted to build a fort around Stephen Kellogg's farmhouse, May 4, 1748. Lieutenant Kellogg served in the siege of Louisbourg and was a volunteer with his brother William and forty others to attack the Island Battery under Capt. Daniel Bacon. He was commissioned lieutenant in the Berkshire County Militia, Capt. Robert Joyner's Company, Col. William Williams' Regiment, in January, 1764.

The children of Loomis Kellogg were: Horace, born April 4, 1781, married Prudence Tuttle; Sally married John Latham; Reuben, born Jan. 18, 1783, married Rhoda Hart; Laura, born Nov. 13, 1787, married Gordon Barnard; Mary (Polly), born Dec. 11, 1790, married James Graves; Calvin, born Jan. 14, 1794, married Sophronia Hecox; Anna, born Feb. 1, 1798, married Daniel Jervitt; Hiram, born Nov. 9, 1800, married Sallie Brigham. The mother of this family, Anna (Truman) died July 25, 1803.

Horace Kellogg, born April 4, 1781, died April 22, 1854, and his wife, Prudence Tut-

tle, born Sept. 8, 1785, died May 7, 1871. They were married in 1802.

John G. Kellogg, son of Horace, was born March 29, 1822, and died in 1862. His wife, Alicia Sprague, born Aug. 3, 1826, married Sept. 11, 1845, died June 21, 1872.

JOHN FISHER HARTMAN, of Berwick, Pa., an employee of the American Car and Foundry Company, was born May 26, 1850, in Evansville, Briarcreek township, Columbia county, son of William B. Hartman and grandson of John Hartman.

The Hartman family is of German origin, and the earliest ancestor to come to America, Christopher Hartman, rebelled against his government when asked to take the oath of allegiance to Prussia. He escaped from the country and emigrated to Cuba ten years later, in 1773, coming to Philadelphia. He enlisted in the American army under Washington, received a commission as captain, and for meritorious service was promoted to third in command under Washington. This Christopher Hartman was the great-great-grandfather of John Fisher Hartman, whose great-grandfather was named Christopher, and his grandfather John.

John Hartman, the grandfather, came from New Jersey in 1816 and settled in Lycoming county, twenty miles above Williamsport, Pa. Here he farmed a tract of 200 acres for thirty years and then moved to Williamsport for a year. From that town he went to Montoursville, Lycoming county, where he died about 1862. He married a Miss Bloom, whose family came from Belgium, and they had these children: William B., mentioned below; Abraham, who married Martha Freas; Mary E., wife of Isaac Artley; Sarah Ann, wife of John Bennett; and John Fisher. Mr. Hartman was an old-time Whig and a member of the Episcopal Church.

William Bloom Hartman, father of John Fisher Hartman, was born Oct. 13, 1817, in Lycoming county, near Montoursville, and had such education as could be acquired in the country schools of the time. His first occupation was clerking, for William Ellis of Montoursville, and later he clerked for McKelvey & Neal, of Bloomsburg, and for Kahlfus & Woodin, charcoal makers, of Foundryville. In a few years he accumulated sufficient to purchase a boat, which he ran on the Pennsylvania canal. He then bought sixty acres of land at Evansville, farming it for a time, and then moved to Berwick, where he did a notarial business until his death in 1885. He was a

Republican and a member of the Methodist Church, served as recruiting officer in the Civil war, and for fourteen years was a justice of the peace.

Mr. Hartman married Catherine, daughter of Peter and Mary Magdalene (Sitler) Foulk, of Berks county, and they had children as follows: John Fisher, mentioned below; William, who married Ella Swank; Mary, wife of William Pfeiffer; Stewart, who married Louise Metz; Sarah, wife of George East; Loring, who married Mary Swank; Isaac, who married Ella Campbell; Annie, wife of William Allebaugh; Jacob, a bachelor; Rosie, wife of Kinney Keller; Willard, who married Annie Bower; and Abram.

John Fisher Hartman attended the Stone Church schoolhouse, and obtained the best education possible in the period of his youth. He came to Berwick in 1866 and entered the car shops of the Jackson & Woodin Company, under Jacob Clossen; was next in the machine shop, under Abner Welsh, and then transferred to the wheel foundry, under Edward Martz. He remained in the machine shop of the wheel department after the firm was sold to the American Car and Foundry Company, and is still holding his position there.

On May 17, 1871, Mr. Hartman married Elena M., daughter of David and Hannah (Mank) Remley, and they have had three children: William, who died young and is interred in the Briarcreek cemetery; Minnie Ella Gertrude, wife of Clyde Chamberlain, of Boston, who has two children, Emma and Merna; and Earl, who married Anna Amos. Mr. Hartman is a member of the Christian Church, of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and of Berwick Encampment, No. 131.

Elena M. Remley was born Feb. 4, 1848, in Jackson township, Columbia county, and attended the common schools of the section where she lived, later the German school at Perkins Grove, Illinois.

David Remley, the father of Mrs. Hartman, was born Dec. 25, 1806, in Bucks county, Pa., and after attaining his majority moved to Briarcreek. From there he went to Illinois and in 1860 settled at Rochelle, just above Mendota, where he had a farm of 640 acres, which he cultivated until 1866. Then he returned to Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa. He was a Democrat, later joining the Republican party. He was reared in the Lutheran faith, but afterward became a Methodist. He married Hannah Mank, who was born April 15, 1805, in Briarcreek township.

and they had these children: Phineas, born Sept. 26, 1830, married Hannah Hartman; Lavinia, born Aug. 13, 1832, married Henry Faus; Eli, born Feb. 10, 1834, died young; Stephen, born July 1, 1836, died young; Hannah, born Feb. 12, 1841, died young; Susannah, born Sept. 18, 1845, died young; David G. was born March 4, 1843; Elena M. is mentioned above; Elias was born Dec. 18, 1850.

An old quilt which has been owned in the Hartman family since 1837, now the property of Myrtle Hartman (who lives with her cousin, John Fisher Hartman, keeping house for him), is of very quaint pattern and has an interesting history. It was made by her grandmother, Julianna Pickel (who became the wife of Christopher Hartman), from a cloak long worn by her grandmother, who came from England, and has been in the family since about 1837. During the Revolutionary war it had been buried for two years along the Brandywine, and when taken from the cedar chest in which it lay was presented to C. F. Hartman, brother of John Hartman, grandfather of John Fisher Hartman. The Pickels settled at Belvidere, N. J., in 1700, coming from England. A powder horn, also buried during the war, has been handed down from generation to generation through the eldest son.

Christopher Hartman, grandfather of Myrtle Hartman, just mentioned, was a native of New Jersey, and died in 1887, at the age of ninety-three years. He was a lifelong farmer, a Whig and a Presbyterian. His wife, Julianna (Pickel), died in 1883 aged eighty-three years. Their three children were: Christopher F., who married Elosia J. Bailey; Mrs. Abigail Stone, and Catherine, unmarried.

Christopher Fisher Hartman, son of Christopher, was born Nov. 29, 1829, and is now engaged in farming at Lamoka, Bradford Co., Pa. He married Elsie Jane Bailey, who was born July 18, 1839, daughter of Samuel and Adline (White) Bailey, and they have had five children: Eugene married Abigail Benscoter and has a family, Lloyd Marshall, Leonard Christopher, Mary and Kenneth (deceased); twins died at birth; Adeline died when two years old; Myrtle, born March 21, 1877, in Shickshinny, Luzerne Co., Pa., was educated in the common schools there, and married William Evans, by whom she has one child, Ralph H., born May 18, 1897. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman are members of the Christian Church, and he is a Republican in politics.

JOSIAH F. HUNSINGER, foreman for the American Car and Foundry Company, Berwick, was born July 3, 1867, in Scotch valley, Beaver township, Columbia Co., Pa., son of Andrew and Rebecca (Hartzell) Hunsinger, and grandson of John and Lydia (Oxenrider) Hunsinger.

John Hunsinger, grandfather of Josiah F. Hunsinger, lived in Beaver township, and engaged in farming in Scotch valley and at Pine Swamp, near Ringtown. After his active years were over he retired and spent the rest of his life with his son Andrew in Scotch valley. He married Lydia Oxenrider, and they had the following children: John married Susanna Krouse, and both are deceased; Gideon married Rena Hons and both are deceased; Uriah married Mary Henninger and both are deceased; Andrew is the father of Josiah F. Hunsinger; Lydia is the widow of Freeman Benninger; Rachel is the wife of Francis Krouse, of Mountain Grove; Mary is the widow of George B. Dreisbach. John Hunsinger died when aged eighty-four years, and his wife in her eightieth year, and they are buried at Mountain Grove, Pennsylvania.

Andrew Hunsinger was born about 1843 in Beaver township, Columbia Co., Pa. In boyhood he attended the district schools, and remained at home, assisting his father, until he was twenty-one years of age. His first purchase of land was a tract of 100 acres, which he subsequently sold, after which he bought the eighty acres on which he is still residing. He married Rebecca Hartzell, a daughter of Peter and Abbie Hartzell. Mrs. Hunsinger was born at Mainville, and died in Scotch valley when aged sixty years, being buried in the Mountain Grove cemetery. She was the mother of the following children: George P., who married Sarah Lynn, and they live in Beaver township; Josiah F.; Lydia Alice, who is the wife of Henry Hutton, and they live at West Berwick; Mary Catherine, who is the wife of Uriah Sherman, living at West Berwick; Lloyd Silas, who lives in Berwick, married to Frances Bredbender; Ida, who is the wife of Wesley Rhoades, of Bloomsburg; Robert Sylvester, who remains on the home farm; Annie May, who married Franklin Hons, of Beaver township; and Lewis, of Berwick, who married Rosanna Slusser. Mr. Hunsinger is a Democrat in his political belief, and his religious faith is that of the German Lutheran Church.

Josiah F. Hunsinger received his education in the public schools in Scotch valley, Beaver township, and subsequently divided his time,

until his marriage, between working on the farm for his father and in cutting timber. Succeeding this he worked as a road hand for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company six months, and then made his advent in Berwick, where, after two years as a laborer, he was made foreman, a position which he has continued to hold to the present time, fully meriting the confidence in which he is held by his employers and the respect which is granted him by the men whose operations he directs. Mr. Hunsinger is a Republican, but has been too busily occupied in making a place for himself and his family in his community to enter actively into political matters. This does not mean, however, that he does not take an interest in affairs that affect his community, for no citizen has been more zealous in wishing and acting for progress and advancement. His religious connection is with the German Reformed Church. In addition to belonging to Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., at Berwick, and Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., he is a member of the Berwick Relief Association, the Ridgely Protective Association and the General Accident Association of Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mr. Hunsinger was married to Emma Maria Noss, who was born at Mifflin Crossroads, in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., April 29, 1871, daughter of William and Elizabeth (Hower) Noss, and was educated in the public schools of that vicinity. She is a faithful member of the Lutheran Church. Two children have been born to this union: Cora Agnes, born July 22, 1890, who married Ralph Beishline, and now resides with her parents; and Luella May, born Oct. 15, 1892, who married Thomas Millington, bookkeeper for the American Car and Foundry Company at Detroit, Michigan.

Frederick Noss, the grandfather of Mrs. Hunsinger, was a farmer in Mifflin township, Columbia county, during his entire career, and there died. He was buried at Freeville Church, near Catawissa. He and his wife, who was buried at New Media, some distance from Catawissa, were well known members of the German Reformed Church in Catawissa. Mrs. Noss's maiden name was Elizabeth Cox, and she and her husband were the parents of these children: John, who married Levina Auger; William; Catherine, who married Eli Erwin; Sarah, who married Nathan Erwin; and Tina, who married Albert Witchey.

William Noss, son of Frederick Noss, and father of Mrs. Hunsinger, was born Feb. 22,

1841, in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., was there educated, and worked on his father's farm until his marriage, when he entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, with which he was connected until the time of his death. He married Elizabeth Hower, daughter of David and Susanna Hower, and they had the following children: Mary married Anthony Krakowski; John married Lydia Hons, (second) Caroline Faussey and (third) Mary Stone; Emma M. is the wife of Mr. Hunsinger; Albert married Caroline Vandine; Ida Levina married William Johns; Henry married Margaret Huttel-son; Catherine married Harry Cole; David married Lydia McAfee; William married Evelyn Long; Hurly married Bertha Roberts. The father was buried at Harker's Church, in Mifflin township. After his death the mother married Daniel Jones, and they had one child, Daniel, who married Clara Wilkin-son. Mrs. Elizabeth (Noss) Jones was buried in Pine Grove cemetery, at Berwick.

THOMAS C. KOCHER, a retired farmer, of Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in Fowlerville, Centre township, same county, May 5, 1848, son of James Kocher.

David Kocher, grandfather of Thomas C. Kocher, was a native of Germany, and coming to the United States at an early day settled first at Philadelphia, whence he came to Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa. He took up 100 acres of land, for which he paid \$4 per acre. After locating on this property he improved it, placing the land under cultivation and erecting necessary buildings, and he carried on farming there until his death. He was twice married, and had these children: Samuel, Thomas, James, Harriet and Mary, who were born of his first marriage; and Abraham and David, by his second marriage.

James Kocher, son of David Kocher and father of Thomas C. Kocher, was born in Centre township, became a farmer and carpenter, and died in his native township. He married Sarah J. Deitrich, a daughter of Henry Deitrich, and they had children as follows: Sabina, Rolandus, Thomas C., Isabella, Adoniram Judson, Samantha and Levi.

Thomas C. Kocher, son of James Kocher, was reared on his father's homestead, and when only nine years old began to make himself useful driving team. In time he became a teacher, and taught school for seven winters in Centre township, after which he devoted all of his time to farming, operating his mother's property for eight years. Later

he bought the Hutchinson farm of ninety-five acres and conducted it for twenty-two years, when he retired to Berwick, locating in that borough in 1909. He erected the handsome residence at No. 1232 West Front street, where he now resides, enjoying the comforts his industry has provided.

On Dec. 10, 1874, Mr. Kocher married Priscilla L. Croop, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. W. Cattell. Mrs. Kocher was born Nov. 24, 1848, daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Raseley) Croop, of Centre township, the former born Nov. 2, 1814, the latter Nov. 4, 1818. Mrs. Kocher died Aug. 17, 1910, and is buried with her son Milton in the Briarcreek Union cemetery. She was the mother of the following children: Milton Levi, born Feb. 11, 1879, died July 2, 1904; Cora Anna, born Oct. 18, 1880, married Dorrence Fenstermaker Feb. 29, 1904; Edna Blanche, born Sept. 2, 1882, was married Sept. 5, 1903, to Wilbur Welliver; Cleveland Ward and Clara Elva, twins, were born Sept. 27, 1884, and she was married June 17, 1913, to William T. Jantzen; Mary Alma, born Aug. 20, 1888, was married Aug. 26, 1914, to Admiral Roy Beagle.

Thomas C. Kocher is a Democrat in political faith, and has held the office of assessor in Centre township. Grace Lutheran Church of West Berwick holds his membership.

JAMES P. HAYMAN, of Berwick, Pa., was born in Orangeville, Columbia county, Aug. 18, 1844, son of Benjamin and Veronica (Neyhart) Hayman, his ancestry being German on both sides of the house.

Peter Hayman, native of Germany, settled first in Berks county, Pa., later removing to Columbia county, Pa., where he died in 1822 at the age of seventy-two years. By occupation he was a farmer. He had several children: John, Peter, Jr., Maria, Jones and Benjamin, the father of James P. Peter Hayman, Sr., served as a soldier in the Revolution, and was with Washington at Valley Forge.

Benjamin Hayman worked on his father's farm and attended the country schools until he was old enough to learn a trade. He then selected the occupation of stonemason and plasterer, which he followed until his death, which was caused by a horse, in 1856. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, for eleven months, enlisting from Bloomsburg. He was elected the first sheriff of Columbia county, when Montour was a part of it, and lived in Danville, but upon the separation of the two counties he removed to Bloomsburg, where he

served out his term. Later he removed to Orangeville, where he resided until his death. He was an active man, traveled much over the county, and was an auctioneer of some note. His wife, Veronica, was a daughter of Christian Neihart, a native of Germany who came to America and settled first in Berks county, later coming to Columbia county. He was a farmer, and by trade a tailor. To Benjamin Hayman and his wife were born ten children: David, deceased, who was a deputy sheriff under his father; Mary and Elizabeth, deceased; Savilla, wife of William H. Hess, of Centre township; James P.; and five children who died in infancy.

James P. Hayman attended the schools of Orangeville and was a youth when the Civil war began. He enlisted May 14, 1864, for one year, or during the war, in Company C, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until July 14, 1865, when he was discharged at Hall's Hill, Va. He was with Grant during his entire term of service, participating in the following battles: Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Hatcher's Run, Huskin's Run, Richmond, Farmville Junction, Burkeville Junction, Cold Harbor, Sailors Creek and Appomattox. He was slightly wounded over the left eye. Upon his return to Orangeville he remained there for two years, married, and moved to Centre township, where he worked at the trade of carpenter. In 1882 he came to Berwick and entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, later succeeded by the American Car and Foundry Company, and was foreman of the frame shop until 1910. He is now living retired.

Mr. Hayman was married Dec. 26, 1867, to Elizabeth Sitler, born June 7, 1846, the daughter of David and Susanna (Erwine) Sitler, and they have five children: Alice, wife of George Barnard, of Berwick; Harry W., residing in Berwick, who married Ella Campbell; David K., at home, who married Minnie Naugle (she is deceased); Ada M., wife of W. I. Schrader, of Berwick; and Jackson W., in the office of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Detroit, Mich. Mr. Hayman is a prominent member of Captain Jackson Post, No. 159, G. A. R., for twenty-three years holding the positions of adjutant and trustee. He and his wife are members of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, in which he has been elder, trustee and class leader; he was a member of the official board and superintendent of the Sunday school years ago. Mr. and

Mrs. Hayman have lived in their present home for twenty-six years.

David Sitler, father of Mrs. Hayman, was born in Briarcreek township, and was a farmer and weaver. Both his parents were residents of the same section and died there. To him and his wife were born twelve children: Samuel, deceased; Sarah, wife of George Eckroth, of Centre township; Susanna and Isaac, deceased; Adam, a resident of Centre township; Rebecca, wife of Jacob Hill, of Berwick; Caroline, wife of George Lowery, of Berwick; Elizabeth, Mrs. Hayman; and others who died in infancy.

WILLIAM H. MANNING, weighmaster in the rolling mill of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, Pa., was born Jan. 26, 1859, in Pine township, Columbia county, son of A. Jackson Manning, and a grandson of Henry Manning. The latter was a resident of Jackson township, Columbia Co., Pa., and followed farming all his active life.

A. Jackson Manning obtained his education in Jackson township and worked for his father on the home farm as opportunity offered during his school days. In early manhood he came to Pine township, and as he had already learned the blacksmith's and carpenter's trades followed the same, continuing thus until the opening of the Civil war, when he enlisted for three years. He left Pine township with his comrades and was never again heard of by his family. He had married Jane Harlan, a daughter of Thomas Harlan, and became the father of five children: George; John, who is a resident of Hughesville, married to Evelyn Minninger; William H.; Margaret, who married Abram Broadt, of Bloomsburg; and Anna Eliza, who married Charles Lehr, of Sunbury, Pa. A number of years later Mrs. Manning contracted a second marriage, becoming the wife of David Frey, and three children were born to this union: Edward, who is a resident of Easton, Pa.; Lilly, who is deceased; and Minnie, who is the wife of Edward Hooen, of Weatherly, Pa. Mrs. Frey died aged about fifty-seven years, and is buried at Weatherly.

William H. Manning, son of A. Jackson Manning, lived with his maternal grandfather until he was five years old, after which he resided with strangers. He attended school in Mount Pleasant township and as soon as he was old enough to hire out went to work for farmers in the neighborhood, being thus engaged until his marriage. After that, for ten



years, he worked at lumbering in the woods and was employed in sawmills in Madison township. He came then to Berwick, and at first was employed as a general laborer in the rolling mill department of the American Car and Foundry Company, later becoming fagot builder. Then he was made night foreman, a position he filled for eighteen months. His next promotion was to the position which he has held satisfactorily for some time, that of weighmaster.

William H. Manning married Alvaretta Thomas, who was born Feb. 14, 1863, in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of Levi and Elizabeth (Mordan) Thomas, and a granddaughter of Thomas Thomas.

Thomas Thomas, the grandfather of Mrs. Manning, came from New York to Columbia county and took up his residence in Mount Pleasant township, where probably he and wife died, but they were buried in New York State. They had seven children: Levi, John, Evan, Jacob, Hannah, Rebecca and Sarah.

Levi Thomas, son of Thomas Thomas and father of Mrs. Manning, was born in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa., April 4, 1827, and died when aged seventy-one years. He obtained his education in the district schools and afterwards learned shoemaking, which trade he followed in connection with farming. Like his father before him he was a Democrat in his political views. He married Elizabeth Mordan, who was born Dec. 21, 1833, daughter of John and Rebecca (Crawford) Mordan, and died May 22, 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were buried in the Canby cemetery in Mount Pleasant township. They had two children: John R., who lives in Mount Pleasant township, married Nora Harp; Alvaretta, who became Mrs. Manning, was, like her husband, educated in Mount Pleasant township.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning have had the following children: Leah May, born May 30, 1884, is the wife of David F. Fetterman, and has children, Erma Ruth, Myron William, Earl Franklin, Russell James and Alvaretta; Levi John, born Dec. 22, 1887, who lives at Berwick, married Agnes Lynch, and has one child, Gladys Elizabeth, born July 11, 1913; Warren Earl, born Oct. 18, 1891, and Eva Eldora, born July 17, 1895, live at home; Mary Elizabeth, born March 2, 1882, died March 11, 1882; and George Harmon, born April 18, 1893, died June 17, 1893.

Mr. Manning and his family are active members of Calvary Methodist Episcopal

Church at West Berwick. He spared neither time nor money in assisting in the building of the new church, and ever since its erection has served as trustee of the congregation. Mrs. Manning has been equally interested, being a member of the Ladies' Aid Society and a teacher in the Sunday school. Like his father and grandfather, Mr. Manning has always been identified with the Democratic party, and his loyalty and good quality of citizenship have been frequently recognized by election to local offices; he has served on the election board of West Berwick ever since it became a borough. Mr. Manning has found little time for fraternal life, the only organization with which he is affiliated being Col. A. D. Seely Camp No. 25, Sons of Veterans.

J. STACEY JOHN, M. D., stands at the top of the medical profession in Bloomsburg. He combines with his medical knowledge a sympathy and kindliness of character which greatly endears him to those who are in need of his services, and his constant contact with the ill and suffering has so broadened his life as to render him capable of taking a part in all the activities of the city where he has established his home. Dr. John was born Feb. 15, 1873, in Main township, Columbia county, and is a son of Jonas Wesley John, and a descendant of one of the earliest pioneers of this county.

It was while Columbia county was known as Augusta township and included in Berks county that the first member of the John family came to the section now called Main township. In the year 1709 Samuel John emigrated from Wales to Uwchlan, Chester Co., Pa. Some years later his son Samuel John, Jr., moved to Exeter, Berks county, and established himself as a farmer. In 1772 his son, Isaac John, purchased 300 acres of land in the valley of Catawissa creek and removed his family there, they becoming the first settlers of Main township. Twice during the summer of 1778 they were compelled to leave their farm through fear of the Indians, and to increase their misfortunes they suffered a loss of one hundred pounds through the depreciation of Continental currency. They occupied a log cabin a story and a half high, the door in the roof being reached by a ladder, yet it is a well attested fact that a family of twelve children was brought up in this home. By his wife Margaretta Broug, Isaac John had five daughters, whose names are not known, and five sons, Jacob, Abraham, Isaac, David and George.



*J. S. John M.D.*



Abraham John, son of Isaac, was reared to farm life and resided on the family homestead. He married Mary Flick, who bore him seven children: Stacey, George, Hiram, Lovina, Angeline, Mary A. and Sarah J.

Stacey John, grandfather of Dr. J. S. John, was born on the Main township farm in 1813 and grew up there. He increased the family holdings of land to a great degree, and at his death in 1879 left a large heritage to his children. He married Mary, daughter of John Yocum, of Roaringcreek township, and their children were: William, who died in childhood; Jonas Wesley, mentioned below; Sarah; Frease; Britton; and Minerva, wife of Aaron Goover.

Jonas Wesley John was born at the homestead Sept. 12, 1840, and during childhood attended the district school and helped his father on the farm. After his twenty-first year he bought a farm of his own, to which he added as time passed, also purchasing property in Bloomsburg. He was a strong adherent of the Prohibition party and an active member of the Methodist Church. He married Sarah C. Brown, daughter of Jacob Brown, of Main township, and they had eight children: Bessie; Ida; David; Ralph R., an attorney of Bloomsburg; Daisy, wife of L. B. Zimmerman; J. Stacey, mentioned below; Wilson; and Sally.

J. Stacey John attended the schools of Main township and the Bloomsburg State Normal. In 1896 he graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and immediately thereafter came to Bloomsburg to practice his profession. He has advanced rapidly to a foremost place among the practitioners in the county, is now president of the Bloomsburg Hospital Corporation, and as well is president of the staff of physicians and surgical staff of that institution. He was a member of the International Clinical Congress of Surgeons of North America; is a member of the American Medical Association, the State Medical Association and the Columbia County Medical Association. In the field of surgery he has won special distinction, and his time is completely taken up by his many duties.

On June 26, 1902, Dr. J. S. John married Mae A., daughter of Peter and Samantha Evans, of Bloomsburg. Both the Doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Church.

ROBERT GILROY WELSH, an employee in the Peninsular Department of the American Car and Foundry Company, of De-

troit, Mich., was born in Berwick, Pa., Oct. 10, 1871, son of Abner and Lucy Augusta (Owen) Welsh. He received his education in the schools of Berwick, graduating from the Berwick high school in the Latin-Scientific course, with the class of 1891. After his graduation, having decided on a mechanical career like his father, he entered the machine shop of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company to learn the machinist's trade. He left the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company when the first electric plant was installed in Berwick, and was made the first engineer of the new establishment, having entire charge of the plant. This position he held for one year, when he returned to the machine shop of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company.

On May 12, 1903, Mr. Welsh was married to Lillian A. Eveland, daughter of George and Rebecca (Paden) Eveland, and has the following children: Douglass A., born March 4, 1904; Harriet Gwendolyn, born June 23, 1907; and Audrey Catherine, born April 6, 1909.

In 1908 Mr. Welsh moved with his family to Detroit, Mich., and entered the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company at that place. After a short stay he returned to Berwick until 1909, when he went back to Detroit and took employment in the Peninsular Department of the American Car and Foundry Company. He has continued in that position since. In religious belief Mr. Welsh is a Presbyterian, and his wife a Methodist. He is a Democrat in politics. Fraternally he is affiliated with Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.

HARRY C. WHEELER, a well known and respected citizen of Berwick, who fills a very responsible position in the steel plant of the American Car & Foundry Company, was born Feb. 20, 1876, in Northumberland, Northumberland Co., Pa., son of Edward and Martha (Gilger) Wheeler.

Edward Wheeler, the father, was of English ancestry. He was a coal miner at Centralia, in Columbia county, and is buried at Bloomsburg. After his death his widow married Henry Umstead, of Washingtonville, Montour county, a blacksmith then in business for himself, he is now a diemaker for screw-making machines in the blacksmith shop of the American Car and Foundry Company. Three children were born to that marriage: Elizabeth, wife of W. C. Watts; Lois, wife of C. W. Smith; and Etta, wife of Edward Hulsizer.

Harry C. Wheeler attended the Blee school at Washingtonville and a school at Strawberry Ridge, and when twelve years old went into the Washingtonville office of the Wilkes-Barre & Western Railroad Company to learn telegraphy. In 1887 he came to Berwick and went to work in the machine shop of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, under Abner Welsh, foreman, leaving there in 1903 to work as a machinist in the engine shop at Catawissa of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company. In 1904 he returned to Berwick and entered the steel plant under F. A. Stevenson, master mechanic, and is now foreman of the heavy machine department and of the floor on dies. His advance has been rapid but thorough, and Mr. Wheeler is recognized as an expert in his department by those under his supervision and direction and by his superiors as well.

Mr. Wheeler married Vernie Kingsbury, who was born Nov. 9, 1877, daughter of John and Adele (Zimmerman) Kingsbury, of Berwick, and they have two children: Alberta M., who was born Jan. 10, 1900, and John K., born Dec. 24, 1901, both now in school.

Mr. Wheeler and his family attend the Baptist Church, and he is the leader of the Sunday school orchestra. He is a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., Berwick; Lodge No. 246, Odd Fellows, Berwick, and Encampment No. 131, also of Berwick; of the P. O. S. of A.; the Heptasophs; and the Ridgely Protective Association.

DAVID B. F. MARTZ, boss roller for the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, was born Jan. 9, 1875, in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, and is a son of Samuel Martz and grandson of Abraham Martz, farmers of that township.

Abraham Martz, the grandfather, was born in 1800, in the township where he resided until his death, the old homestead being now in the hands of Charles Martz. He married Desiah Hetler, who was born April 12, 1807, and died Nov. 17, 1881, his death occurring June 5th of the same year. They were the parents of these children: Nathan, deceased, married Hester Mellick; Daniel married Mary Stoudt; John, deceased, married Susan Miller; Henry married Julia Rutter; Samuel is mentioned below; George died single; Eliza was the wife of Rev. Edward Sharretts, of Berwick; Mary married Henry Remley, and both are deceased; Lydia is deceased; Zachary Taylor, deceased, married Mattie Statin, of Milton. In the course of time Abraham Martz became the

owner of a large farm in North Berwick, and he was for many years engaged in the work of brickmaking. He was an active member of the German Lutheran Church at Martzville, gave the ground for the graveyard and church site, burned the brick and lime on his farm, did all the carpenter work, and asked pay only for the planed boards. He held various offices in this church, and he and his wife are now lying in the cemetery near the scene of their earthly labors. Mr. Martz was a Republican, stood high in the party councils, and was rewarded with election to several offices in the township.

Samuel Martz, father of David B. F., was born Aug. 26, 1836, in Briarcreek township. He had few school advantages, and early became an industrious worker. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted for a term of nine months, but contracted typhoid fever, and upon recovery was detailed as hospital nurse. On his discharge he began farming, devoting his efforts to trucking. That he has been successful in this line is shown by the fact that in one season he raised two hundred bushels of onions, which he sold at two dollars a bushel. He was the first to raise strawberries in Briarcreek township. He now cultivates twenty-one acres, and is still operating the limekiln left him by his father. He is a member of the Lutheran Church at Martzville. Mr. Martz married Malinda Remaley, who was born Dec. 29, 1836, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Billheimer) Remaley, and died March 10, 1912. To this union there were born the following children: Gilbert, who married Nora Remley, resides in the State of Washington; Roselda is the wife of Andrew Harmon, of Centre township; Lydia Alice is the wife of C. W. Hildebrand; Smith Hurd married Emma Baker, of Muncy, Lycoming county; Elizabeth Esther married Christopher Benson (deceased) and (second) Frederick Beagle; Sarah Gertrude is the wife of Henry Angle, of Watsontown, Northumberland county; David B. F. is mentioned below; Clarence Lafayette, who married Catherine Schlosser, resides at Nescopeck; John Levan is living at home.

David B. F. Martz was educated in the schools of Briarcreek township, and worked around on the various farms until his fifteenth year. He then entered the service of the Jackson & Woodin Company, in the rolling mill, doing general labor for two years. Next he assisted in the puddling department for two years, being eventually promoted to puddler, a position he held for nine years.

Next he learned the trade of roller, and was steadily advanced until he now is head roller in the muck bar mill. He is a Republican, a member of the Berwick Beneficial Association, and of the Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F. He attends Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mr. Martz was married, July 4, 1894, to Sue M. Markle, daughter of Conrad M. and Susan D. (Staley) Markle, and they have had children as follows: Robert Wellington, born April 14, 1895, who graduated from the Berwick high school in 1914, and is now bookkeeper for Frederick Markle, who has an electric store in Plymouth, Pa.; Clovus F., born April 12, 1897; Roland R., born Aug. 5, 1904; and Pauline M. and Geraldine E., twins, born July 12, 1908. Pauline M. died March 1, 1909. Mrs. Martz was born June 1, 1878, in Briarcreek township, where she received her early education. She is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and of the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society in connection with it; also of the Mary Frantz Lodge, Daughters of Rebekah, of Berwick.

Jonathan Markle, grandfather of Mrs. Martz, was the owner of ten acres in Briarcreek township, but went to Red Bank township, Armstrong county, to purchase a farm, was taken sick, and died there, at the age of sixty; his remains lie in Red Bank township, Armstrong county. He married Eva Adams, and they had the following children: Moses; Eli, who married Elizabeth Thoms of New York; Abraham; Conrad W.; Catherine, deceased; Abigail, deceased; Julianne, widow of Jacob Yocum; Hannah, wife of William Thomas; Mary, deceased; Charity, deceased; and Levina, wife of A. Savitts. The mother died at the age of ninety-eight, and is buried in the Summerhill cemetery.

Conrad William Markle, father of Mrs. Martz, was born June 16, 1827, and was bound out to Peter Wenner, of Briarcreek, at the age of nine, to serve until his twenty-first birthday. His chances for an education were slim, but he took advantage of every opportunity offered. He managed to buy a little one-acre lot at Summerhill, and with only his strong arms and this tiny piece of ground managed to rear the first of his large family to an age of helpfulness. By day labor and strict economy he obtained enough to buy a five-acre piece of land near Berwick, and while the children assisted in the cultivation of it he walked the tracks of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad day after day, in rain and sunshine, in the withering heat of summer and the biting cold of winter,

to guard the human freight over the rails and provide a living for his increasing family. Despite these handicaps he made a success and even found time to serve his country for some months in the Civil war. It was not till the weight of seventy years had bowed his frame that he relinquished his arduous task of track walker and retired. His death occurred Sept. 4, 1909. He was a strict member of the Methodist Church and a member of the G. A. R. at Berwick.

Mr. Markle married Susan D. Staley, who was born at Greenwood, Pa., Oct. 18, 1831, and they had these children: Moses A., Sylvester, William A., Frederick M., Daniel R., Minor D., David A., Ella and Susan. The mother died June 21, 1908.

Jacob Staley, Mrs. Markle's grandfather, was born in Germany, emigrated to America, and settled in Berks county, Pa., later moving to Easton, Pa., where he conducted a distillery. He married Susan Cooper, and they had four children, Elizabeth, Catherine, Frederick and Jacob. The parents are buried at Easton.

Frederick Staley was born in Berks county, Pa., and later went to Easton, where he engaged in horse trading, in which he lost considerable money. Subsequently he moved to Greenwood, Pa. When the gold fever broke out he went to California and accumulated a great deal of money, but on his return to the East he was robbed of all he had. Coming back to Greenwood, Pa., he died there, and his widow, Hannah Christianne (Abel), moved to Lime Ridge, Columbia county, where she resided until her death, in 1881. She was born in 1806. They had the following children: Mary, deceased; Elizabeth Jane, deceased; Catherine; Ellen, deceased; Annie, deceased; Frederick, deceased; Sarah Amanda, deceased; Jacob, deceased; and Susan D., deceased. The mother is buried at Lime Ridge.

DAVID F. FETTERMAN, foreman with the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, was born in Roaringcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., Sept. 24, 1876, son of Peter and Caroline (Hower) Fetterman.

The great-grandfather of David F. Fetterman was the founder of the Fetterman family in America, coming from Germany and settling in Berks county, Pa., where his children were born.

Henry Fetterman, son of the above, and grandfather of David F. Fetterman, was born in Berks county, Pa., and as a young man came to Roaringcreek township, Columbia county. Later he removed to Schuylkill coun-

ty, where he was engaged in the buying and selling of farms and the general real estate business, especially at Fountain Springs, where both he and his wife were buried. Mr. Fetterman married Hannah Saul, and they became the parents of the following children: One who died in infancy; John, who married Mary Morris and (second) Fannie Derr; Peter; George, who married Lucy Batdorf; Joseph, who met his death as a Union soldier during the Civil war; Eunice, who died at the age of three years; Isaac, who was also killed while defending his country's flag during the days of secession; Charles, the third son of the family to go to war, and who returned safely; and Hannah, Annie and Francis, all of whom died young. The parents were members of the German Lutheran Church.

Peter Fetterman, son of Henry Fetterman, was born Jan. 31, 1840, was educated in Schuylkill county, and spent the active years of his life in agricultural pursuits. In the year 1910 he retired with the respect and esteem of all men because of the things that he had accomplished. Mr. Fetterman is a Republican and a faithful member of the old Lutheran Church. He was united in marriage with Caroline Hower, who was born April 17, 1842, daughter of David R. and Susanna (Strausser) Hower, and to this union there have been born the following children: (1) Mary married Bradley Laycock, of Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, and has had the following children: Mae, who married Clifton Musgrave and has two children, Robert and Dorothy; William; Ella, who married Charles Fritz and has one son, Robert; Edna; Boyd; Carrie; Lena; Roland; and one child deceased. (2) Elizabeth married William Wark, of West Berwick, and the following children have been born to them: Irene, who married Charles Maronavis and has two children, Allen and Anna; George; Albert, who married Gertrude Herb and has two children, Arthur and Helen; Florence, who married Adam Levan and has one child, Dorothy Mae; Russel; Raymond; Robert; Benjamin; Clayton; Glen; and William, David, Elizabeth and Edna, deceased. (3) Hannah married Harvey Kreisler, of Mount Carmel, by whom she had children: John, who married Mame Shiner and has one son; Irene, married to Isaac Shull (three children); Lillie Mae, married to Joseph Searles (three children); Florence, wife of John Eisenbauch; Blanche; and Frank and Sadie, deceased. (4) Henry, of West Berwick, married Sadie Werts, and they have had the following chil-

dren: George, Israel, Walter, Gertrude, Caroline, Laura, Raymond, Spurgeon, Mabel and William Franklin. (5) Emma married Israel Wolfgang, of Shamokin, and has had children: George, married to Elizabeth Carl (two children); Anna, married to William Artman (one child); Caroline; David; Pearl; Jenny; Martha; Mary; Dorothy; an infant. (6) Katie S. died when four years old. (7) David F. is mentioned below. (8) Christianne married David Gunther (deceased), by whom she had four children, Eva, Caroline, Irvin and Aaron. There are no children by her second marriage to George Hill, of West Berwick. (9) Lilly married Harry Watts, of West Berwick, and has five children: Lewis, Ella, Charles, William and Frederick. (10) Charles, of West Berwick, married Carrie Cramer, and of their four children Alvaretta is the only survivor. (11) Elmira married Harvey Gearhart, of West Berwick, and has had four children: Clayton, Florence, Harold, and Thelma (deceased).

David F. Fetterman, son of Peter Fetterman, secured an ordinary education in the public schools of Centralia, Pa., and when still a boy started to work in the coal breakers, picking slate in the mines. Later he became doortender in the shafts at Mount Carmel and Centralia, working in the mines for four years. He then served an apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade with his brother-in-law, Bradley Laycock, in Mount Pleasant township, with whom he remained for four years, succeeding which he was employed by the well known contractor, Harmon Morden, for about twelve months.

Mr. Fetterman was married, at Bloomsburg, Pa., to Leah May Manning, born May 30, 1884, daughter of William H. and Alvaretta (Thomas) Manning, and to this union have been born the following children: Erma Ruth, born Dec. 7, 1902; Myron William, Oct. 2, 1905; Earl Franklin, July 20, 1909; Russell James, Nov. 1, 1911; and Alvaretta, July 7, 1913.

Mr. Fetterman has been in his present employ eight years, and is now foreman of the repair department under Evan B. Moore. He has shown himself capable, efficient and reliable, and is possessed of a high order of executive ability, and at no time has he asked his men to do things of which he is not himself capable, or which he is not ready and able to do. As a Democrat he has served as judge of election. His fraternal connection is with Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. With his family he

attends Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church, of West Berwick.

George Hower, the maternal great-grandfather of David F. Fetterman, was a carpenter by trade, but also followed farming and owned several hundred acres of land. He retired many years before his death, which occurred when he had reached the age of ninety-eight years. He married Katie Reed, and they became the parents of the following children: David R.; George; Jacob, who married Eva Sherman; Polly, who married Peter Bryson; Michael, who married Sarah Wetzel; John, who married Anna Dilleplaine; Katie, who married Thomas Sherman; Elizabeth, who married Daniel Levan; Lydia, who married Ezekiel Dilleplaine; and Priscilla, who married Charles Levan. When he became too old to work on his farm Mr. Hower took up educational work, and many of the people of the township who are able to speak the German language to-day owe their proficiency to the conscientious instruction of this early teacher. A close and careful student of the Bible, Mr. Hower was known as an authority on religious matters, and both he and his wife were active members of the German Lutheran Church. His political proclivities in his latter years made him a Republican.

David R. Hower, son of George Hower, was educated in the schools of Roaringcreek township, principally in German. He was there married to Susanna Strausser, daughter of Peter and Mary (Adams) Strausser, and they became the parents of the following children: John, who served as a Union soldier until killed in battle, right at the close of the Civil war; Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of William Gearhart, of Bear Gap, Columbia Co., Pa.; Caroline, who became the mother of David F. Fetterman; Samuel and Daniel, twins, who both died young; Uriah, who married Sarah Houck, deceased, and now resides in Roaringcreek township; Mary, who married Phena Strausser—both deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, who married William Naus and (second) Simon Jones, both deceased; Maria, who married Henry Sherman (deceased) and (second) Henry Gottshall, of Roaringcreek township; Albert, who married Rachel Beaver, of that township; Lydia Ann, who married Martin Breich, also of that township; Lewis and Amos, who both died young; Daniel, deceased, who married Caroline Beaver; and Henry, who married Lydia Sherman, and lives at Shenandoah, Pa. After his marriage Mr. Hower learned the trade of blacksmith, and in the meanwhile spent his

spare moments acquiring a knowledge of the English language in the neighboring schools. He also served an enlistment of three months during the Civil war, and in other ways showed himself willing to discharge the duties of citizenship. For many years he was constable of his township. He and his wife died in the faith of the German Lutheran Church, and were buried in the Roaringcreek graveyard.

GEORGE N. SAVAGE, a clerk in the general offices of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, was born Sept. 4, 1882, at Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., son of Solomon Dison Savage, grandson of Reuben Savage, and great-grandson of Henry Savage.

Henry Savage was born in Ireland, in the vicinity of the city of Dublin, where he grew to manhood and engaged in farming. He married Elizabeth Frantz, a native of Wales, and later emigrated to America, arriving in this country prior to the Revolutionary war, in which he was a soldier. He and his wife are buried in the graveyard at the Old Log Church, Cole's Creek, Columbia Co., Pa. Their children were: Daniel, who married a Miss Larrish; Joshua, who married Susanne Hess; John, who married Elizabeth Roberts; Henry, who married Susanna Buss; Moses, who married Mary Madden (it is supposed he was murdered at Rohrsburg, Columbia Co., Pa.); Reuben, mentioned below; Katie, wife of Joseph Hyde; Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Thomas; Lavina, wife of Andrew Belles; and Mary Ann, wife of Thomas A. Dodson.

Reuben Savage, son of Henry Savage, was born in 1823 at Benton, Pa., and died in 1864. He first married Caroline Buss, a daughter of Solomon and Anna (Hartman) Buss. Brought up at Benton, he was there educated, and later became the owner of a farm of about eighty acres near Jonestown, Columbia Co., Pa., where he farmed and owned stock. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army, and was wounded at the battle of the Wilderness, his death resulting while he was in hospital; he was buried at Hatcher's Run, Va. Politically he was a Democrat, and he held the office of school director in Fishingcreek township. In religious matters he was a Methodist. He belonged to no societies. By his first marriage he had the following children: Alfred, who died in childhood; Frank, who married Margaret Edwards and (second) Eva Smith; and Solomon Dison, who married Annie Kile. After the death of his first wife Reuben Savage married Elizabeth Scott, and they had four children: Mary E., who



married Ezra Wenner; Allen, who is unmarried; Emma Adele, who married George Ruth and (second) Warren Patterson; and Matilda, who married Frank Stamp.

Solomon Dison Savage, son of Reuben Savage, was born April 12, 1855, and was educated in the Benton public schools. Engaging in farming, he continued to follow that calling for some time after leaving school, and then coming to Berwick had charge of the tollgate at this point for some years. He then moved to Nescopeck, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he was employed in railroad work. Returning to Berwick, he became an employee of the American Car and Foundry Company, as policeman, and still holds that position. Long active as a Democrat, he is recognized as a local leader in his party. Fraternally he belongs to Benton Lodge, No. 146, I. O. O. F. The Methodist Episcopal Church of Nescopeck holds his membership.

Solomon Dison Savage married Annie Kile, who was born March 3, 1859, at Divide, Columbia Co., Pa., a daughter of Nehemiah and Belinda (Kline) Kile. They had the following children: Mary Malvina, born May 13, 1878, married George Yorks; Frank, born Dec. 1, 1879, died in childhood, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery at Berwick; George N. is mentioned below; Harriet Valeria, born July 23, 1885, married Warren Keller; Robert Wayne, born March 18, 1887, died in childhood and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick; Henry, born Aug. 12, 1893, lives at Berwick.

George N. Savage, son of Solomon Dison Savage, was educated in the schools of his township, and then engaged in truck farming. At the age of fifteen years he obtained work in the tannery and lumber mills at Jamison City, Columbia Co., Pa., later entering the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company, first as puddler, then in the finishing department on steel coaches. Subsequently he was transferred to the general offices of the company as clerk, which position he still holds. In politics he is a Democrat, and while he holds no offices he is active in his party. He belongs to Calvary Methodist Church, teaches in the Sunday school, and can be depended upon to support all kinds of church work. At present he belongs to Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta, and to Col. A. D. Seely Camp, No. 25, Sons of Veterans, at Berwick. Mr. Savage is very much interested in the national game of baseball, having played on both the Bloomsburg and Berwick teams

of the Susquehanna League. He is now a member of the Grinders' City League team, which won the championship in 1914.

George N. Savage married Ruth E. Trowbridge, on Dec. 6, 1906. Their children are: Elise Trowbridge, who was born Nov. 8, 1907; Elsa Hope, born Feb. 18, 1910; and Joseph Dison, born July 9, 1914. Mrs. Savage was born July 11, 1892, a daughter of Harry Milton and Fannie (Large) Trowbridge, was educated in the public schools of Nescopeck township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and the Berwick high school, being married just after her graduation. She belongs to Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church of West Berwick, and is a member of its Bible class.

HARRY M. TROWBRIDGE moved from Lime Ridge to Berwick, where he was a canal-boat driver for a time, but later entered the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company, with which concern he has been engaged for the last quarter of a century. At one time he was a resident of Nescopeck and was there a judge of election, representing the Republican party. Later he moved to West Berwick, where he was a member of the council, and served as president of that body, and was also secretary of the board of health. Formerly a member of the Nescopeck Methodist Episcopal Church, he later joined Calvary Methodist Church of West Berwick, which he served as steward and recording secretary; he is now a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Berwick. Fraternally he belongs to Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and Berwick Benevolent Association. His wife, born April 7, 1867, came from Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pennsylvania.

Thomas Bowman Trowbridge, father of Harry M. Trowbridge, was born Jan. 27, 1843, in Scott township, Columbia county, and obtained his early education there. For many years he was a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal, until it was abandoned, after which he did general work until he found a position with the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick. He is now acting as labor boss in the blacksmith shop. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army, but got only as far as Harrisburg when peace was declared, and returned home. He is a Republican, and in religious connection a member of Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church of West Berwick, which he has served as trustee. His wife, Ellen (Yohey), was born May 14, 1846, and they had the following children: Maude, who married George Knorr,

of West Berwick; and Harry M., father of Mrs. Savage.

JOHN FRANK, proprietor of the Boston Candy Kitchen at Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in December, 1879, in Sparta, Greece, son of John Frank. The father of John Frank spent his entire life in Greece, and there died, as did also his wife. Neither ever came to America.

John Frank, son of John Frank, was educated in the schools of his native country, and was twenty years of age when he emigrated to America. For one year he remained in New York City, and then went to Syracuse, N. Y., but shortly thereafter returned to New York City, and subsequently removed to Wilkes-Barre, Pa. There he completed learning the trade of candymaker, which he had commenced in Brooklyn, and in 1905 came to Berwick and established himself in business as the proprietor of a first-class candymaking shop, being for a time in partnership with his cousin, under the name of Frank & Company. Since 1911, however, he has been in business alone. The Boston Candy Kitchen is the only store of its kind in Berwick and is equipped with the most modern machinery for candymaking, while the retail display department store is known as one of the handsomest in this section of the State. Mr. Frank makes a specialty of fine candies, which are very popular in Berwick and the surrounding country, and manufactures a high grade of ice cream for the local trade.

Mr. Frank is progressive, alert and thoroughly modern in his ideas. Anything that promises to be of benefit to his community or its people has ever had his earnest and hearty support, and he is correspondingly popular. His fraternal connection is with the local lodge of the Improved Order of Red Men.

THOMAS BUTLER, deceased, formerly an associate judge of Montour county, Pa., and a man of prominence in Washingtonville and the surrounding territory, was born in New Jersey Dec. 23, 1832, and died Oct. 17, 1891, at Washingtonville, Derry township. He came to this place from his native State, and here followed blacksmithing until within ten years of his demise. An ardent Democrat, his services received recognition by his appointment as associate judge, for two terms, he being the twenty-first associate judge and the last one under Judge Elwell. Thomas Butler was first lieutenant of Company G, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, dur-

ing the Civil war, and served nine months during 1862.

Thomas Butler married Eliza Jane Johnston, who was born in Madison township, Columbia county, Aug. 3, 1841, a daughter of Jonathan and Charity (Yeager) Johnston, and died Nov. 5, 1906. Mr. and Mrs. Butler became the parents of the following children: Harriet, who married E. W. Cole, of Ashley, Pa.; Margaret, who is a trained nurse at Bogota, N. J.; Kate, and Kent A.

KENT A. BUTLER was born Oct. 9, 1877. Until 1903 he worked among the farmers of the vicinity, and then entered the employ of the American School Furnishing Company of Bloomsburg, Pa., with whom he remained two years, then becoming checkman on a railroad in New Jersey. Later he returned to Pennsylvania, and farmed in Derry township until his removal back to New Jersey, locating at Hackettstown.

On March 12, 1902, Mr. Butler married Emma Dietrich, born in 1882, in Derry township, daughter of Peter M. Dietrich. He married Anna Yoder, of Snyder county, Pa., and both are still living on their homestead in Derry township, he aged sixty-two years, and she fifty-two years. Mr. and Mrs. Butler have had children: Robert E., Charles and Gwendolyn. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church and are most worthy residents of their locality.

JOHN EMERY EVES, a business man of Millville, is one of the native born citizens of that town. Every prosperous business establishment is an advantage to the place in which it is located, and confers benefits on all the community, and Mr. Eves in his success has helped Millville to maintain her position among the thriving towns of Columbia county.

The Eves family has been settled in Columbia county for one hundred and forty years. John Eves, its founder here, was one of the pioneer settlers in the valley of Fishing creek. He had come there from Mill Creek Hundred, New Castle Co., Del., and located on a tract of 1,200 acres in the townships of Greenwood and Madison, including the present site of Millville. The land was secured by deed dated Nov. 29, 1774, the former owner having been Reuben Haines, a brewer, of Philadelphia (it was part of Lord Baltimore's grant). It would appear, however, that Mr. Eves had concluded the purchase and settled in this section some years previous to the time this title was acquired, coming into possession of it not later than 1770. His settlement in this section

marks an important period in its history. From Delaware he came to Milton (Northumberland county), where there was a fort, in 1770, proceeding thence with an Indian guide to Fishing creek, where he inspected his land in 1771. He and his son Thomas built a cabin and cleared an acre of ground at Larry Spring (so named for Larry Flinn; see below). The family had been living here several years when the Wyoming massacre, in 1778, startled the inhabitants of the region out of their feeling of security they had barely acquired. John Eves, warned by a friendly Indian, returned east as far as Chester county, Pa., in time to avoid any of the evil consequences of that affair, and remained there for seven years before again venturing into the backwoods.

But little is known regarding the personal history of John Eves. He was an Irish Friend, born in 1720, and came to America, from Dublin, about the year 1738. He was in good circumstances at Mill Creek Hundred, and held various offices of responsibility. One of his experiences as constable reveals the resolute and determined character of the man. He was given the warrant for the arrest of a miscreant who defied the power of the law, and threatened to take the life of the officer as he approached. But the latter walked boldly forward and disarmed him without a struggle. The victory was not complete, however, as the obstinacy of the culprit was equal to his cowardice, and he refused to walk, whereupon the constable tied his prisoner to the horse, and they proceeded without further difficulties. Another trait of his character is illustrated by an occurrence during his residence here. While in Philadelphia on one occasion he advanced the passage money of Larry Flinn and his wife, two destitute Friends who had recently arrived from England. They would then have been obliged to remain in his service for several years, but he received them into his family and they never left it. In 1751 John Eves married Edith Yeatman, an English lady, said to have possessed great strength of character, as well as personal beauty. They were the parents of seventeen children, fourteen of whom reared families—as a rule large families. Their names, with dates of births, are as follows: Sarah, 4th mo., 24th, 1753 (died in 1762); Thomas, 2d mo., 5th, 1755; John, 2d mo., 22d, 1757; Joseph, 10th mo., 30th, 1758; Mark, 7th mo., 16th, 1760 (died in 1762); William, 2d mo., 2d, 1762; Chand-lee, 12th mo., 14th, 1763; Elizabeth, 12th mo., 30th, 1765; Sarah, 5th mo., 14th, 1767; Edith,

5th mo., 14th, 1767; Andrew, 6th mo., 4th, 1769; Mary, 11th mo., 24th, 1770; Priscilla, 11th mo., 3d, 1772; Mark, 4th mo. 8th, 1774; Ann, 4th mo., 21st, 1775; Samuel, 1st mo., 1778; Ezra, 6th mo., 28th, 1782. Of these, four families moved to Canada in 1800. John Eves, Sr., died 7th mo., 1st, 1802; and Edith (Yeatman) Eves, 4th mo., 14th, 1818, aged eighty-three years. Many of those who bore the name have occupied positions of honor and respectability in the various walks of life. Numerous descendants of the original stock continue to live in this region.

From John and Edith (Yeatman) Eves, J. Emery Eves traces his descent through Thomas (married Rachel Wilson), John W. Eves and Wilson M. Eves. John W. Eves was a nurseryman and builder, an intelligent and enterprising business man. He married Rebecca Brown, daughter of Richard Brown. His son, Wilson M. Eves, is a leading business man in his section of Columbia county, having a large general store at Iola, Columbia county, conducted under the firm name of Wilson M. Eves & Sons. Mr. Eves married Amelia Robbins, who was one of a family of fifteen children; her father was a lawyer and surveyor, and he also owned and cultivated a farm. Mr. and Mrs. Eves had a family of five children, two sons and three daughters: Colona S. resides at Millville; John Emery is also a resident of Millville; Rebecca B. is the wife of J. C. Christian, a grocer of Millville; Orpha L. J. is the widow of Frank P. Masters, a late farmer of Columbia county, where the Masters family is numerous represented, and has had three children, Alfred E. (deceased, who was accidentally shot when twelve years old), Marion W. (born in 1884, who has taught school, and is engaged in the college at Westtown, Pa.), and James (deceased in infancy); Aquilla W., who is in partnership with his father at Iola, married a daughter of C. R. Parker, a farmer of Columbia county, and they are the parents of five children.

John Emery Eves was born Feb. 10, 1855. He had excellent educational advantages, attending the Greenwood Seminary at Millville, a Friends' institution, and later normal school. He learned the trade of cabinetmaker, but has been engaged principally at merchandising. For a number of years he was in the general store at Iola, but he is now carrying on business independently, at Millville, as a dealer in pianos and automobiles. His many patrons in this section have found thorough satisfaction in the service he has been able to

give them. Mr. Eves has a high reputation among all his associates, whether in business relations or as a private citizen. He attends the Methodist Episcopal Church, and on political issues is with the Republican party.

On Oct. 31, 1900, Mr. Eves married Margaret Evans, of Bloomsburg, daughter of Jackson Evans, whose family consisted of six children. Mr. and Mrs. Eves have had one child, Elizabeth Amelia, who was born in October, 1903.

**CAMDEN WESLEY HILDEBRAND**, an agriculturist of Centre township, Columbia county, was born Nov. 6, 1857, at Jonestown, in Fishingcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., son of William and Maria Louisa (Allieger) Hildebrand.

David Hildebrand, the grandfather of Camden Wesley Hildebrand, was born at Orangeville, in Orange township, Columbia county. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, which he followed throughout his career, and during the latter part of his life owned and operated a small tract of land in the vicinity of Orangeville, where he died at the age of eighty-three years. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Poe, he had three children: Benjamin; William; and Elena, who married Joseph Musselman. To the second marriage were born six children: Matilda, who is the widow of John Reimard, of Bloomsburg, Pa.; Ellen, deceased, who was the wife of John Gillespie, of Bloomsburg; Sarah, who married Daniel Sterner, both now deceased; John; David, deceased, who married Ellen Evans, of Bloomsburg; and Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of William E. Kauffman. In early life David Hildebrand was a Whig and later joined the ranks of the Republican party. He and his wives were buried in the cemetery at Orangeville.

William Hildebrand, son of David Hildebrand, and father of Camden Wesley Hildebrand, was born in 1835, at Orangeville, Orange township, and there received his education in the public schools. As a youth he left his native place and went to Jonestown, Fishingcreek township, where he served an apprenticeship of three years to the trades of wheelwright and cabinetmaker, under Jack Robbins. Then he married Maria Louisa Allieger, daughter of John and Jerusha Allieger, who came from New Jersey, and to this union there were born three children: Francis Wilbur, who married Catherine Kishbaugh, of Berwick, Pa.; Irvin Chester, who

died in infancy; and Camden Wesley. After his marriage Mr. Hildebrand opened a shop at Jonestown, where he followed his trades for nine years, succeeding which he moved to Shickshinny, Luzerne county, and for three years was engaged in building boats for the Pennsylvania canal. At the expiration of this period he located in Foundryville, where he opened a wheelwright shop for general repairing and also built and sold wagons for two years, and then accepted a position as car builder with the Jackson & Woodin Company, with whom he remained a like period. Prior to leaving Shickshinny he had contracted a second marriage, with Lucy Payden, daughter of John and Sarah Payden. On leaving Berwick, Mr. Hildebrand went to Highland, Luzerne county, and there worked two years as a mine carpenter for the G. B. Merkel Coal Company. His next location was at Freeland, Luzerne county, where for three years he conducted a wheelwright shop in partnership with Peter Cunningham, and in the meantime erected a handsome residence. He then formed a partnership with Benjamin Wanner, in the blacksmithing and wheelwright business, and this association lasted two years, when Mr. Hildebrand went to Hazleton, Luzerne county, there spending three years. Selling his property, he moved to Berwick, where he again entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Company, but subsequently turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and for three years operated the William Williams farm, in Briarcreek township, Columbia county. Returning to his trade, he worked for A. W. Eaton, and later for the Jackson & Woodin Company. He lived at Berwick and later at Shickshinny for a number of years, and finally located on the River road, in Briarcreek township, where his death occurred when he was fifty-three years of age. He was buried in the Martzville graveyard. Mr. Hildebrand was first a Free Methodist and later a member of the Christian Church. He was a Republican in his political proclivities, and fraternally was connected with the Knights of Malta.

Camden Wesley Hildebrand, son of William Hildebrand, had the advantages of the schools of Briarcreek township and Berwick until reaching the age of twelve years, although in the meantime he had commenced his struggle with life when but ten years old as a mule driver on the towpath of the Pennsylvania canal, an occupation which he continued to follow for five years. He then moved to Highland with his father, and for

two years was employed at laboring in the mines, then being promoted to miner's work, which he pursued for the same length of time. While a resident of Hazleton he furthered his education by attending night school. Later he spent one year in mining at Woodside and a like period driving a horse in the truck department of the Jackson & Woodin Company at Berwick; worked for one year on the farm of W. W. Seibert, in Briarcreek township, and then returned to Hazleton and drove a grocery wagon for Frank Lamm. Resuming work in the mines, for a time he was employed at Laurel Hill, following which he returned to Berwick and became a blacksmith's helper in the Jackson & Woodin shops. He also worked for Daniel Pifer as a limeburner at Frank Evans's lime quarry near Martzville, Pa., for nine months.

At this time Mr. Hildebrand was married to Lydia Alice Martz, daughter of Samuel and Malinda (Remaley) Martz, and to this union there were born the following children: One son, born Jan. 9, 1882, died in infancy; Samuel W., born March 20, 1883, married Mary Kisner, of Centre township; Daniel W., born Dec. 8, 1884, is at home; George R., born Aug. 28, 1886, married Clara Wittington; Malinda C., born Jan. 28, 1889, married William Evans, of Centre township; Emma L., born May 28, 1892, married Andrew K. Helembold; Andrew J. H., born Dec. 9, 1894, is working on the dairy farm of Seth Lamon; four children were stillborn.

After his marriage Mr. Hildebrand was engaged in driving a team six months for Freas Brothers planing mill, at this time making his home in Briarcreek township. Later he moved to Berwick, where for six months he worked at car building for the Jackson & Woodin Company, then again moving to the country, where he assisted his father-in-law, and during the smallpox epidemic worked six months on the farm of Dr. Reagan. He spent a like period on the farm of William Reagan, in Black Creek, and then began burning lime for Frank Evans, of whose kilns he had charge for three years. At the end of this period he became a puddler for the Jackson & Woodin Company, with whom he remained seven years, during three years of this time residing on his farm. He traded his home in Berwick for a farm of sixty-four acres, of which six acres were in timber, and on this property resided until his wife recovered from a severe attack of illness. He next went to Pittsburgh, where he remained a year and a half, working as a puddler, his wife, in the

meantime, conducting a boarding house. From Pittsburgh Mr. Hildebrand went back to the farm in Centre township, and for quite a period engaged in farming besides holding a position as puddler with the American Car and Foundry Company (who had taken over the plant of the Jackson & Woodin Company), but during the last two years has devoted his entire attention to agricultural pursuits, in which he has gained well merited success. He is known as a skilled farmer and good judge of stock, and his honorable methods of doing business have gained him the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been associated. Mr. Hildebrand is a Prohibitionist. Formerly he was a member of Washington Camp No. 515, P. O. S. of A., of Fowlerville, the Amalgamated Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, at Berwick, the Berwick Beneficial Association, connected with the American Car and Foundry Company, and the Junior Order United American Mechanics, at Pittsburgh. He is class leader, steward and president of the board of trustees of the United Evangelical Church at Evansville, is superintendent of the Sunday school, and has been Bible Class teacher for five years. At all times Mr. Hildebrand has displayed a commendable willingness to lend his aid to movements which have for their object the advancement of education, morality and good citizenship, and with other earnest and public-spirited citizens he has done much to help Centre township and its people.

Mrs. Lydia Alice (Martz) Hildebrand, wife of Camden W. Hildebrand, was born May 11, 1864, in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., and received her education in the Briar Creek brick schoolhouse, which was built of bricks burned on her grandfather's farm.

Abraham Martz, grandfather of Mrs. Hildebrand, was born in 1802, in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., and spent his entire life there in agricultural pursuits, the old homestead being the present farm of Charles Martz. He married Desiah Hetler, and they became the parents of these children: Nathan, deceased, who married Hester Mellick; Daniel, who married Mary Stoudt, of Briarcreek township; John, deceased, who married Susan Miller, of Berwick; Henry, who married Julia Rutter, of Berwick; Samuel; George, who died unmarried; Eliza, who married Rev. Edward Sharretts, of Berwick; Mary, who married Henry Remley, both now deceased; Lydia, deceased; and Zachary Taylor, deceased, who married Mattie Staden, of Milton, Pa. Abraham Martz became the owner

of a large farm in North Berwick, and was also for many years engaged in the brick business. A man of charitable impulses, he gave the ground for the church and graveyard at Martzville, burned the brick and lime on his farm, and did all the carpenter work, asking pay only for the planed boards. He was a devout church member, an active worker in the German Lutheran Church, and held all of the church offices at various times. Both he and his wife were buried at Martzville. A Republican in politics, he stood high in the councils of his party in this section, and was honored by election to various township offices.

Samuel Marts, son of Abraham Marts, and father of Mrs. Hildebrand, was born Aug. 25, 1836, in Briarcreek township. He was never given the advantages of attendance at school, but learned to be an industrious worker. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army for a term of nine months, but contracted typhoid fever, and when he had recovered was detailed as a hospital nurse. On receiving his honorable discharge he took up trucking as a vocation, and that he was successful in this line is shown by the fact that in one season he raised two hundred bushels of onions, which he sold at two dollars per bushel. A man of progressive ideas, he was the first to raise strawberries in Briarcreek township. He is the owner of twenty-one acres of land, and in addition has a limekiln, which he has operated for many years. He is a member of the Martsville (New) Lutheran Church.

Mr. Marts married Malinda Remaley, who was born Dec. 29, 1836, at Martsville, and died March 10, 1912, daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Billheimer) Remaley. To this union there were born the following children: Gilbert, who married Nora Remaley, and resides in the State of Washington; Roselda, who married Andrew Harmon, of Centre township; Lydia Alice, Mrs. Hildebrand; Smith Hurd, who married Emma Baker, of Muncy, Lycoming county; Elizabeth Esther, who married Christopher Benson (deceased) and (second) Frederick Beagle; Sarah Gertrude, who married Henry Angle, of Watson-town, Northumberland county; David Washington, who married Susan Merkle, of Berwick; Clarence Lafayette, who married Catherine Schlosser, and resides at Nescopeck, Pa.; and John Levan, who resides at home.

HERMAN T. YOUNG, who carries on a marble works at Catawissa, Columbia county,

was born in Germany Jan. 19, 1855, son of Albert Young.

Albert Young was a miller in Germany, where he died. He married Fredericke Neuchirt, who also passed away in that country. They had children as follows: Herman T., Karl, Richard Albert, Emil, Hulda and Laura, all of whom have remained in Germany with the exception of Herman.

Herman T. Young attended public school in his home neighborhood and remained in his native land until a young man, meantime commencing to learn the trade of marble cutter and serving a period in the German army. Coming to America, he landed at New York City, and from that metropolis came to Catawissa, Pa., where he had relatives. He continued working at the trade of marble cutting, and in time became an expert. Finally he was able to enter business on his own account, forming a partnership with Charles G. Smith under the title of Smith & Young, which association lasted some years. Later he entered a similar business by himself, conducting it as the Catawissa Marble Works. His proficiency as a marble and granite cutter has enabled him to build up a large business, and he carries out important contracts for work in his line, including the making of monuments. His plant is well equipped with all modern machinery suitable for the work in hand, and Mr. Young not only displays manual dexterity but artistic perception as well.

Mr. Young married Elizabeth Gunther, a daughter of G. Gunther, a pioneer butcher of Catawissa. Mr. and Mrs. Young have had children as follows: Ralph W., who is assisting his father in the business (he is a member of the Catawissa school board); Sterling E., a clerk, who resides at Berwick, Pa.; Luther W., a telegrapher, employed on the main line of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company; Carl H., who is living at Buffalo, N. Y.; and Ruth E., living at home.

Politically Mr. Young is a Democrat, and for ten years has been serving very acceptably as overseer of the poor. A consistent member of St. John's Lutheran Church, he has held official position in that organization. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, and he is as popular in his lodge as he is among his associates generally, wherever known.

In the spring of 1914 Mr. Young went back to Germany for a visit to the brothers and sisters whom he had never seen since leaving his native land over forty years ago. He sailed from Baltimore on the "Maine."

HENRY LOUIS COIRA, manager of the City Electric Company at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., was born Sept. 22, 1888, in West Hoboken, N. J., son of Fortunato Coira.

Fortunato Coira was born at Milan, Italy, Sept. 21, 1858, and came to the United States in 1883, when twenty-five years of age. Going to New Jersey he found employment in the silk mills at different points, and in 1889 came to Pennsylvania, installing the first loom in the silk mills at Bloomsburg. Later he was made foreman of these mills, which position he still holds. He married Ziara Taborrelle, also a native of Italy, who was brought to the United States by her parents when she was sixteen years old. The family located at West Hoboken, N. J., where she met and married Mr. Coira. Mr. and Mrs. Coira became the parents of three children: Henry Louis; Charles, who resides at Philadelphia, Pa.; and Josephine, who is at home. These children were all reared in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church.

Henry Louis Coira attended the schools of Bloomsburg, Columbia county, and then became self-supporting, working at silk weaving for one year, and then for three years as clerk in the employ of the J. F. Tooley Company, of Bloomsburg. Leaving this concern, Mr. Coira went to Norristown, Pa., where he took a business course in the Schissler commercial college. After the completion of this he was with the Maritime Exchange of Philadelphia as a stenographer, later going with the Milder Pants Company, at Lyonsdale, Pa., as bookkeeper and stenographer. Mr. Coira then returned to Bloomsburg to become bookkeeper for the H. S. Kauffman Company. Always ambitious, he began studying electricity, and was eventually made manager of the Danville branch, the City Electric Company, being appointed in 1912, and this position he still holds, being regarded as a very efficient man.

On Oct. 24, 1911, Mr. Coira was married to Florence Casey, who was born at Bloomsburg, Pa., daughter of William Casey and his wife Anna (McClosky) Casey. Mr. Coira belongs to the Elks of Danville and the Red Men of Bloomsburg, finding in these orders pleasant associates and needed recreation, for he is a very busy man, devoting the greater portion of his time and interest to his business.

ALLEN L. SNYDER, general merchant at Bloomsburg, Columbia county, was born in Wyoming county, Pa., Sept. 25, 1865, son of Adam and Mary E. (Woodruff) Snyder.

John A. Snyder, his grandfather, was born

in Bavaria, Germany, and came to America with his family when in middle life. Landing at New York City, he made his way to Monroe county, Pa., where he became the owner of a line of boats on the Lehigh canal, but later he bought a large tract of land in Wyoming county, and there devoted his energies to farming. He died there at an advanced age. He was the father of two sons, Adam and Peter.

Adam Snyder, son of John A., was seventeen years of age when he accompanied his parents to the United States. As a youth he was engaged as a boatman on the Lehigh canal, remaining at that occupation for many years, but when his father removed to Wyoming county he accompanied the family, following in his father's footsteps and taking up the vocation of farmer, which he continued until his death. He was laid to rest in the Meyers cemetery in that county. By his first wife, Sarah, he had two children: J. Adam, who is living in Wyoming county; and Armedia, now deceased. Mr. Snyder married for his second wife Mary E. Woodruff, and they had two children: Allen L.; and Julia A., who became the wife of Charles Lohman, of Kingston, Pennsylvania.

Allen L. Snyder, son of Adam Snyder, grew to manhood upon the home farm, attended the local public schools, and later studied at the Beaumont high school and Beaumont academy, in Wyoming county. For a time he clerked in a grocery store at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and after resigning this position became connected with the Albert Lewis Lumber Manufacturing Company, at Dallas and Alderson, in Luzerne county, remaining in the employ of this concern for six years. Succeeding this he became a motorman for about seven years, and on Jan. 21, 1908, came to Bloomsburg, where he had since been engaged in the grocery business. His store, located at No. 262 Iron street, is stocked with a full line of groceries and provisions, and his capable management has resulted in attracting a large and representative trade.

Mr. Snyder was married to Margaret S. Reed, daughter of J. H. and Myra (Snyder) Reed, of Dallas, Luzerne Co., Pa., and to this union there have been born two sons: Floyd G. and Roy F., the former now connected with Swift & Company, at Wilkes-Barre. Fraternally Mr. Snyder is associated with George M. Dallas Lodge, No. 533, F. & A. M., at Dallas; Hazleton Chapter, No. 277, R. A. M., and Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, at Bloomsburg. Mr. Snyder belongs to the



First Presbyterian Church. The pleasant residence of the Snyder family is located at No. 233 East Third street.

CHARLES J. YAGEL, miller, at Exchange, Montour county, proprietor of the Exchange Flour Mills, is one of the prosperous business men in his part of the county, where he has been located for over twenty years. He was born Sept. 5, 1864, in Delaware township, Northumberland Co., Pa., son of John Yagel.

John Yagel was born in Berks county, Pa., and followed farming and milling throughout his active years, retiring in 1900. For twenty-six years before his retirement he operated a flour mill at Watontown, Northumberland county. He is now (1914) seventy-four years of age. His home is at Montgomery, in Lycoming county, Pa. His wife, Tulara (Menges), daughter of Samuel Menges, died in 1898, at the age of sixty years. To them were born the following children: Clinton, now of Allenwood, Pa.; Charles J.; Frank; Harvey, of York, Pa.; Samuel; Margaret, wife of John Saxon, of Watontown, Pa.; Minnie, wife of Wilson Schick, of Montgomery, Pa.; and Melinda, wife of Harry Hanes, of Montgomery.

Charles J. Yagel took up milling after his school days were over. After working one year for his father he moved to Moreland township, Lycoming county, where he followed milling for six years, at the end of that time coming to his present location, Exchange, Montour county, in 1891. He built the mill here which he is still conducting, and has ample facilities for general grinding, besides the ordinary flours turning out pearl cornmeal, buckwheat, etc. He is also interested in farming, owning fifty-five acres in Anthony township, which his son cultivates.

Mr. Yagel has taken an active part in the affairs of the community, and has been elected to public offices, the duties of which he has discharged with the same efficiency which marks the management of his private affairs. He held the office of tax collector for Anthony township two terms and was supervisor two terms. For six months during 1913 he was foreman on the State Highway Commission. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Lodge No. 898, of Exchange (he serves as janitor). Politically he is a Democrat.

On March 31, 1882, Mr. Yagel married Elizabeth Ulrich, who was born March 4, 1864, in Berks county, Pa., and they have had seven children, namely: George Horace, born

in 1883, now deceased, married Florence Wertman, who now keeps house at Watontown, Pa., for John Hoffman, Mrs. Charles J. Yagel's foster father; John Alfred, born in 1884, a resident of Exchange, formerly a teacher, now mail carrier from Ottawa to Exchange, married Mildred Brobst and has three children, Arline, Fred and Roscoe; Harry is deceased; Luther, born in 1888, farming the home place in Anthony township, married Grace Flick and has two children, Naoma and Cleoda; Sherman L., born in 1891, is in Denver, Colo.; Clarence, born in 1893, is at home; Suzanna, born in 1898, is at home. The family have been reared in the Episcopal faith, attending St. James' Church, at Exchange.

John Ulrich, father of Mrs. Yagel, married Elizabeth Becker, who died when her daughter Elizabeth (Mrs. Yagel) was but seven weeks old. Mr. Ulrich died when she was two years old, and she was thereafter reared by John Hoffman, a farmer, at one time in Berks county. He is now (1914) eighty-four years of age and living retired in Northumberland county. His wife, Suzanna (Karschner) Hoffman, died May 9, 1909, aged seventy-four years. Mr. and Mrs. John Ulrich had a family of ten children, of whom but two survive: Elizabeth, wife of Charles J. Yagel, and Mary, wife of John Potts, of Berks county. Mrs. Yagel remained on the Hoffman farm until her marriage.

CHARLES H. DILDINE, of Orangeville, Columbia county, a prominent and successful farmer, was born March 24, 1856, in Orange township, that county, son of Isaac K. and grandson of Andrew Dildine, a pioneer settler of this part of the State.

John Dildine, the first known ancestor of the family in America, was an early settler at Bloomsburg. All the record that can be obtained of him is that he was the father of Andrew, grandfather of Charles H. Dildine. Andrew Dildine married Ruth, daughter of Abram and Margaret (Creager) Bogart, and they had four sons and six daughters: Elizabeth Ann, Abram B., John O., Margaret, Jacob, Isaac K., Amanda, Sarah J., Mary E. and Ruth.

Isaac K. Dildine, son of Andrew, was born in Orange township June 3, 1826, and attended the common schools of the township. He was a farmer, continuing as such until his death, Aug. 20, 1904. On Dec. 6, 1853, he married Angeline B. Hughes, daughter of Charles and Mary (Rhodes) Hughes, and



they had three children: George H., Charles H., and Anna E. Of these Charles H. is now the only survivor. Mrs. Dildine died in March, 1862, and two of the children, George H. and Anna E., died but a few weeks later of the same malady, diphtheria. On Dec. 6, 1868, Mr. Dildine married (second) Mrs. Angeline Drake, daughter of Peter Knorr and widow of Col. Levi Drake, a veteran of the Mexican war, who was killed in the Civil war at the battle of Stone River. By this union there was one child, Cora B., born Sept. 12, 1871, who died Dec. 18, 1881. Mr. Dildine and his first wife are buried in the McHenry cemetery in Orange township.

Charles H. Dildine attended the public schools of Orangeville and Orangeville Academy, and taught two terms of school. He then began farming and the raising of thoroughbred stock, a business at which he has prospered. He now owns three farms, one in Orange and two in Greenwood township, is one of the most up-to-date farmers in his section, and his stock is well known for its high grade. In 1908 he removed to the borough of Orangeville, but has retained control of his farm property.

Mr. Dildine is treasurer of the Briar Creek Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and one of its adjusters. He is also a director of the Columbia County National Bank at Benton, and was one of the organizers of the Grangers' National Bank, of Hughesville, Lycoming county, of which he is now a director. He is a prominent member of Orangeville Grange, No. 128, in which he has filled all the offices, and of the State Grange, being on the executive committee of the latter. Mr. Dildine is a member of Mountain Lodge, No. 264, I. O. O. F., at Orangeville, and of the encampment at Espy.

Mr. Dildine married Almata Bogart, daughter of Samuel Bogart, and they became the parents of five children: Bruce W., a traveling salesman, who resides at Orangeville; I. Warren, of Greenwood township; Paul H., a merchant of Orangeville; Frank C., a railroad engineer, who resides at Bennington, N. Y.; and Howard C., a farmer of Greenwood township.

Mr. Dildine is a Democrat in political sentiment, and has served his party as county chairman. He has been a member of the Orange township school board, and when he removed to Orangeville became a member of the borough council, and president of that body.

JOHN JACKSON DAVIS, engaged in farming in Centre township, Columbia county, was born Nov. 18, 1869, in Pine township, Columbia Co., Pa., son of Joshua and Sarah (Alberson) Davis.

John Davis, the grandfather of John Jackson Davis, came from New Jersey to Columbia county, Pa., and settled in Greenwood township. He was a cabinetmaker by vocation, and was engaged at his trade throughout his life. He was a Democrat in his political views, while his religious faith was that of the Friends, and he and the grandmother are both buried in the Quaker churchyard at Millville. Mr. Davis married a Kester, and they became the parents of the following children: John, deceased, who settled in Canada; Silas, who located in Iowa; Joshua; Zenith, deceased, who married a Wenner, the latter now living at Beachwoods, near Williamsport; Rebecca Ann, who married a Mr. Stecker, of Canada; and Mehitabel, who married Andrew Alberson, a resident of Greenwood township, Columbia county.

Joshua Davis, son of John Davis, and father of John Jackson Davis, was born Jan. 6, 1831, two miles east of Millville, in Greenwood township, Columbia Co., Pa., and was educated in the township district schools. There he learned the trade of carpenter. Subsequently he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and for forty-two years was a tenant farmer, spending thirteen years in Greenwood township, a like period in Orange township and sixteen years in Centre township. About six years before his demise he retired from active pursuits and removed to Berwick, where he lived quietly until his death, May 14, 1912. The mother, who survives him, was born Jan. 19, 1839, and now makes her home at No. 307 East Sixth street, Berwick. Mr. Davis was a stalwart Democrat. He married Sarah Alberson, daughter of C. and Sarah (Shoemaker) Alberson, and the following children were born to this union: Frank P., who married Emma Mellick, of Mount Pleasant township; Clark D., who married Mary Oman, of Mount Pleasant township; Alvin M., who married Jennie Dreibelbis, of Briarcreek township; Nora, who became the wife of Henry Rittenhouse, of Briarcreek township; Joseph P., deceased, who married Dora Sitler, also deceased; John Jackson; Charles W., who married Clara Whitmire, of Centre township; Hurley E., of the "Flat Iron Hotel," Berwick, Pa., who married Pearl Moore, deceased; Clara, who resides at Almedia, Pa.; Samuel S., who mar-

ried Agnes Hidlay, of Scott township; Novilla, who married Minor G. Werkheiser, of Berwick; and Eva, who holds a clerical position in the Woolworth store at Berwick. The children were all given good educational advantages and have been fitted to fill the positions in life they now occupy.

John Jackson Davis, son of Joshua Davis, was educated in the public schools of Greenwood township, which he attended during the winter months, his summers being spent in assisting his father on the home farm. He remained under the parental roof in Greenwood and Orange townships and worked with his father up to the age of twenty-two years, at which time he learned the trade of miller, with H. C. Bowman, in Orange township, serving an apprenticeship of three years. Following this he worked at his trade for six months in Roaringcreek township, and then resumed farming, beginning to operate his mother-in-law's farm of 100 acres, in Mount Pleasant township, where he remained for two years. He was progressive and alert, and seized every opportunity that presented itself, and for seven years operated a threshing machine in four townships, in addition to doing odd jobs at carpentry. For the two years that followed he devoted his attention entirely to carpenter work, and at the end of that period became a railroad man as a fireman on a locomotive on the S. B. & B. railroad. After twenty months as a fireman he was promoted to the position of engineer on a passenger train on the same road, and continued as such six years, then accepting a position in the equipment department of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick. The call of the soil brought Mr. Davis back to the farm in 1907, when he bought his present place in Centre township, and there he has continued to live to the present time.

Mr. Davis was married Jan. 12, 1893, in the Methodist parsonage at Orangeville, Pa., by Rev. H. A. Stoudt, to Minnie Mellick, who was born in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of Clinton and Mary Malinda (Oman) Mellick. The children of this union were as follows: Veda Lera, born March 1, 1894, who married Claude Merrill, of Scott township; Lena Grace, born Sept. 7, 1895, of Mount Pleasant township; Harry Harold, born Oct. 12, 1896, now in New York State; Clyde Earl, born March 23, 1898; Warren Franklin, born June 5, 1899, who is in Scott township; Lois Mae, born Dec. 12, 1900; Frederick Jackson, born May 26, 1902; Flo Malinda, born Nov. 13, 1903; Floyd Olan,

born Nov. 1, 1905; Blanche Arlene, born Aug. 9, 1908; Rolland Mellick, born Oct. 27, 1910; and Pauline Sarah, born April 23, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Davis incline toward the Lutheran faith, and in politics he is a Democrat. He is recording secretary of Washington Camp No. 517, Patriotic Order Sons of America, of Fowlerville, is a member of the board of trustees of that camp, past president, and past district president for Northern Columbia county; and is a member of Provident Lodge, No. 220, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, of Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Godfrey Mellick, the grandfather of Mrs. Davis, was a prosperous farmer of Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, owning three handsome properties, which aggregated about 400 acres of land. His first wife was a Miss Hippensteel, and they became the parents of these children: Henry, who married Margaret Mellick, of Orange township; Clinton, the father of Mrs. Davis; Mary Catherine, deceased, who married John Hippensteel; and Rebecca, deceased, who was the wife of Abraham Kline, of Orange township. Godfrey Mellick was married (second) to Catherine Jacoby, and they became the parents of four children: Susan, who married Matthias Whitenight, a resident of Buckhorn, Pa.; John, who married Clara Everett, of Mount Pleasant township; Lydia, making her home in Orange township; and Harriet, who married Wadsworth Kline, of Orange township. The father was a Republican in his political views. He was an influential man of his day, but did not care for public preferment. He was buried in Mount Pleasant township.

Clinton Mellick, son of Godfrey Mellick, and father of Mrs. Davis, was born in 1840, in Mount Pleasant township, and there received his education. He worked on the home farm for his father until some time after his marriage, purchased 135 acres of his father's estate, and continued to be engaged in general farming throughout his life. He died, respected and esteemed by all who knew him, in Mount Pleasant township, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Canby. He was a Republican in politics, and a member of the New Lutheran Church. His wife was first a Methodist, but later adopted the Lutheran faith. She survives her husband and is still making her home in Mount Pleasant township. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Mellick were as follows: Emma, who married Franklin P. Davis; Minnie, born March 11, 1873, in Mount Pleasant township, who married John J. Davis; Cora, who married James

Fausey, of Mount Pleasant township; Della, who married Harry Crawford, of Mount Pleasant township; and Harry, who married Charlotte Beecher, of Fernville, Pa. Mrs. Mary M. (Oman) Mellick was born Dec. 6, 1844, in Mt. Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of Samuel and Catherine (White) Oman.

LOUIS JOHN TOWNSEND, deceased, who was general manager, secretary and treasurer of the Berwick Electric Light Company, of Berwick, Columbia county, was born March 7, 1870, in Newport, Monmouthshire, England.

John Reese Townsend, his father, is a native of Gloucestershire, England, born in 1840. He has been a resident of Bloomsburg since 1871, his father and uncle settling here some years previously. In 1891 he opened a merchant tailoring business in the First National Bank building, continuing there until 1908, when he moved to his present location, which property he owns. Mr. Townsend's connection with the civic affairs of Bloomsburg began in 1888 with his election to the school board, of which body he continued to be an efficient member for the next nine years—three terms of three years each. In 1902 he was elected president of Bloomsburg, which is the only town in the State of Pennsylvania where the president of the town council is also mayor, and he was twice reelected, holding the office for three successive terms. Such unqualified indorsement of his policies and personal exertions requires no comment. Of his special achievements, the success of the Bloomsburg Centennial may be cited as an example. He served as chairman of the Centennial committee, without pay. The celebration was held during the first year of his administration, and he is given credit for being the "backbone" of the whole plan. Though there were many who predicted its failure he carried it through triumphantly, and the town had anniversary exercises appropriate and adequate to the occasion—a bright spot in her history. When the memorable flood of 1904 damaged the unprepared town he acted promptly in the relief and aid work, and as chairman of the relief committee gave his services ungrudgingly to raising and disbursing the funds so generously placed at his disposal. For the last twenty years he has been serving as a State trustee for the Bloomsburg Normal School, and in that capacity, as well as during his membership on the board of education, has rendered important service in

the promotion of educational affairs. He is also president of the board of directors of the public library, of which he was one of the earliest advocates, and he has always been one of its ablest supporters. For some time he has been the representative in Columbia county of the State Forestry Commission. As one of the most trustworthy figures in local business circles he was for a number of years president of the Board of Trade, in that position working assiduously to attract new industries to the town. He is a director and president of the Bloomsburg Industrial Building & Loan Association, which has been a great benefit to the town.

Mr. Townsend has been an ardent Democrat and participated in the workings of the party for many years. In 1893 he was elected county chairman, serving two terms as such, and his work during the campaign of Governor Pattison was most effective in bringing out a large Democratic vote. Fraternally he is a prominent Mason, a past master of Washington Lodge; past high priest of Bloomsburg Chapter; past eminent commander of Crusade Commandery; past commander in chief of Caldwell Consistory. He was one of the untiring workers who secured the erection of Caldwell Cathedral, and served as a member of the building committee. Mr. Townsend is a leading member of St. Paul's Church, which he served as vestryman for years.

Mr. Townsend was married in England to Elizabeth Derrett. Four children have been born to them: Louis John, deceased; Harry William; Emma Jane, wife of E. A. Eyer, of Philadelphia; and Joseph Leon, residing in Bloomsburg.

Louis John Townsend obtained his education at Bloomsburg, attending the public schools and the State Normal. Learning the trade of watchmaker he followed it for a time, establishing a jewelry store at Berwick, and during President Cleveland's administration he was appointed postmaster at that borough, conducting his jewelry business while filling that office. After serving a term as postmaster he was made auditor of the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick, then traveling salesman and solicitor. For a number of years he was connected with the Berwick Electric Light Company, becoming treasurer when the company was organized, and later general manager, as well as secretary and treasurer, holding this position until his death, which occurred Nov. 28, 1907. Interested in the welfare of the community, he was active in local politics; a working member of Christ



*L. H. Townsend*



Episcopal Church, in which he held the office of junior warden at the time of his death; and a Mason, holding membership in Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., Bloomsburg; Caldwell Consistory (thirty-second degree), A. A. S. R., Bloomsburg, and Irem Temple, A. O. O. N. M. S., at Wilkes-Barre.

On June 14, 1892, Mr. Townsend married Elizabeth Gruver, daughter of John A. and Mary C. (Obitz) Gruver, formerly of Luzerne county, and three children were born to them: Ruth E., born June 2, 1893, married Samuel L. Ney, of Philadelphia; L. Donald was born May 19, 1895; Frederick E., Jan. 6, 1899.

**WILBUR C. WELLIVER**, a farmer and dairyman of Mount Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born at Welliversville, same county, Dec. 31, 1879, son of Parmley E. Welliver.

Jacob Welliver, a native of New Jersey, came to Pennsylvania and located in what later became Jerseytown, Columbia county, the new home named for the old home. He spent the remainder of his life there and was a shoemaker by trade. His children were: Isabella, Betty, Leah, Adam, Thomas and Duncan; the last named was killed while in the Union service during the Civil war.

Adam Welliver, son of Jacob, was born at Jerseytown, learned his father's trade, and followed it there and in Madison township, whither he later moved. Subsequently he went to Mount Pleasant township, where he died at the age of seventy. His first wife was a Miss McCarty, of near Jerseytown, and by her he had two sons, Joseph and Nelson. Adam Welliver married (second) Rhoda A. Musgrave, and they had the following children: Lillie, Parmley E., Nettie, Rosa N., Dr. G. H. (of Bloomsburg) and Bert.

Parmley E. Welliver, son of Adam, was also born at Jerseytown, and learned shoemaking, but worked at the trade only a short time, when he began farming. Buying fifty acres of land in Greenwood township, he gave all his attention to its cultivation, and developed into a successful agriculturist. He married Emily A. Lemons, a daughter of Russel Lemons, of Mount Pleasant township, and they became the parents of eight children: Wilbur C.; Anna, who married Bert Cox; Bertha, who died when five years, five months old; Myra, who married George Hartzel; Frank, who resides at Bloomsburg; Russel; Myrtle, and Beulah, who is at home.

Wilbur C. Welliver grew up on the farm and attended the local schools, developing

into a sturdy young man. Leaving home he went to Berwick, Pa., where he entered the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company, remaining with that concern for six years. In 1904 he returned to farming, locating at Fowlerville, where he spent five years, and in 1909 he purchased his present property, known as the Stoner farm, comprising eighty-two acres of land. There he carries on general farming and dairying, operating a daily milk route to Bloomsburg, where he has a large trade, his product being of good quality, and produced and marketed according to modern sanitary regulations.

Mr. Welliver was married, Sept. 5, 1903, to Edna Blanche Kocher, daughter of Thomas C. and Priscilla (Croop) Kocher, and one son, Emery Warren, has been born of this union. Mr. Welliver supports the principles of the Democratic party, although not an office seeker. The family belong to the Lutheran Church.

David Kocher, Mrs. Welliver's great-grandfather, was a native of Germany, born April 23, 1792, and came to the United States when a young man, settling first in Philadelphia. Thence he came to Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., and took up 100 acres of land for which he paid four dollars per acre. After locating on this property he improved it, placing the land under cultivation and erecting necessary buildings, and he carried on farming there until his death. On Feb. 13, 1814, he married Sarah Cawley, a Quaker, and they had these children: Samuel, James, Henry, Hannah, Thomas, Harriet and Mary. Abraham and David were born to his second marriage.

James Kocher, son of David, was born in Centre township, where he became a farmer and carpenter, dying in his native township. He married Sarah J. Deitrich, a daughter of Henry Deitrich, and their children were: Sabina, Rolandus, Thomas C., Isabella, Adoniram J., Samantha and Levi.

Thomas C. Kocher, son of James, was reared on his father's homestead. After teaching school for seven winters in Centre township he devoted all of his time to farming, operating his mother's property. Later he bought the Hutchinson farm of ninety-five acres and conducted it for twenty-two years, when he retired to Berwick, locating in that borough in 1909 and erecting the handsome residence at No. 1232 West Front street, where he is now residing. He married Priscilla Croop, daughter of Henry Croop, of Centre township, and they have had children

as follows: Milton; Dora, who is married; Edna Blanche, who married Wilbur C. Welliver; Cleveland and Clara, twins; and Mary. Thomas C. Kocher is a Democrat in political faith and has held the office of assessor in Centre township. The Lutheran Church of Berwick holds his membership.

CHARLES H. DIEHL, who is engaged in farming and lumbering at Danville, Pa., was born in Mahoning township, Montour county, Aug. 31, 1853, son of Frank W. and Mary (Carstner) Diehl.

Daniel Diehl, the grandfather of Charles H. Diehl, was the owner of the land on which the State Hospital now stands, and there carried on farming until his death, at the age of sixty-six years. He married Susan Faust.

Frank W. Diehl, son of Daniel Diehl, and father of Charles H. Diehl, was born near Danville, Pa., and was a laborer until 1871, when he purchased a farm in Mahoning township, Montour Co., Pa., on which he spent the remainder of his life in agricultural pursuits, dying in 1899 at the age of sixty-nine years. He married Mary Carstner, who was born in Cooper township, Montour Co., Pa., and she still survives him, being now over eighty years of age. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Diehl: Charles H.; Jane, who is the wife of C. Young, of Northumberland county; Alice, who married John Twiggs, of Danville; Susan, who is the wife of George Boyer, of Sageburg, Montour county; Anthony, of Mahoning township; George, also of that township; Levy, living in Danville; and William, of Valley township.

Charles H. Diehl, son of Frank W. Diehl, left school at the age of fourteen years, and following this was employed in the mines for seven years. During the several succeeding years he was engaged at various occupations, and spent two years in farming, but after his marriage moved to Chulasky, where for eleven years he was engaged in farming, contracting and hauling ore. Mr. Diehl then became the owner of the farm which he is now conducting, and in addition to agriculture he engages extensively in lumbering. He is a man of excellent business ability, and has the full confidence of those who have been associated with him in commercial transactions, while his personality is such that he has gathered about him a number of warm personal friends.

On May 13, 1874, Mr. Diehl was married to Mary Catherine Byer, who was born Sept. 19, 1854, in Valley township, Montour Co., Pa., daughter of Solomon and Susan (Schneider)

Byer, both now deceased. Mr. Byer was hotelkeeper and distiller, inheriting his distillery from his parents; Mrs. Byer died in 1908, at the age of seventy-three years. Nine children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Diehl: Frank W., of Valley township, married Ida Evert, and has four children; Charles D., of Danville, married Alice Evert, and has four children; Harrison, of Danville, married Ada Blee, and has two children; Nora is a resident of Bloomsburg, Pa.; Ida, the wife of Frank Hutchinson, of Fowlerville, Pa., has one child; Mary is residing at Bloomsburg; Theodore, of Danville, married Rella Davis; Lizzie and Grace are at home.

Mr. Diehl is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge and encampment at Danville, and is popular with his fellow members in both. He is a Democrat in his political views.

NELSON S. DUTT, late of Millville, for twenty-five years held the position of agent for the Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick Railroad Company, from the time he came to this town, and by his fidelity to duty and obliging disposition gained a warm place in the esteem of his fellow citizens. He was a native of Lycoming county, Pa., where the family was established by his grandfather, who came to this country from Germany at an early age. He settled at Pine Creek, and farming was his occupation. Two sons were born to him.

Michael Dutt, father of Nelson S. Dutt, was born in Lycoming county, Pa., and for twenty-five years was a blacksmith and builder of Jersey Shore. He married Sarah M. Fry, and they had a family of five children: George M., a machinist of Milton, Pa., married Emma Hester, and they have two children; Flora is the wife of Charles Dieffenbaugh, of Watsonstown, Pa., and has six children; Nelson S. was next in the family; Edna died when twenty-five years old; Earnest died at the age of twenty-one years.

Nelson S. Dutt was born July 12, 1863, at Jersey Shore, and was five years old when the family moved to Newberry, same county; later they moved to Watsonstown, Northumberland county. He was educated in the public schools near home. When a youth he began to learn telegraphy, and for five years was employed as operator for a railroad company in Virginia, in 1888 coming to Millville, Columbia Co., Pa., where he arrived Nov. 20th. Throughout the period of his residence in the town he was station agent, in which capacity he found many opportunities to be of service to his fellow citizens, who appreciated

his sterling qualities. In the early days of Millville under borough government he served as auditor, filling the position most satisfactorily. He was an Odd Fellow, belonging to Lodge No. 809, of Millville; with his wife he also took the Rebekah degree. His death occurred Nov. 6, 1913.

On Nov. 10, 1888, Mr. Dutt married Ava M. Stadler, of Watertown, Pa., whose father, Simon Stadler, was a saddler and harness-maker. Mr. Stadler had two daughters, Ava M. and Frances, the latter the wife of William Scanlon, of Philadelphia, who is in the employ of John Roberts & Co.; Mr. and Mrs. Scanlon have one child, Joseph, who was born Sept. 15, 1907, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dutt, in Millville.

Mr. and Mrs. Dutt had one child, Raymond C., who died when eighteen years old.

JOHN E. PFAHLER, manager for the Prudential Insurance Company in the Danville district, has spent most of his business life in that line, and by his enterprising methods and application is making a success of his work. Mr. Pfahler was born June 20, 1881, in Columbia county, Pa., son of William M. and Sarah A. (Stine) Pfahler, farming people. He received his early education in the country schools of the home neighborhood, supplementing same with a course in the State Normal School at Bloomsburg, after which he taught school for a year. In 1900 he came to Danville as agent for the Prudential Insurance Company of America, of Newark, N. J., being employed in that capacity until 1910, when he was made assistant superintendent with his present responsibilities. He is a capable and energetic young man, and by his up-to-date methods and thorough devotion has promoted the business in this section in an appreciable degree.

In November, 1905, Mr. Pfahler married Elizabeth Pritchard, daughter of Harry and Anna Pritchard, both of whom are natives of England; her father is engaged as puddler in the iron mills. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Pfahler, Margaret Lucile and John Charles. Socially Mr. Pfahler belongs to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

JOHN ANDREW BRUDER, late of Danville, Montour county, a successful merchant, was born at Eisenach, Saxony, Germany, Dec. 14, 1829, and belonged to a wealthy family, who had heavy holdings in grist and oil mills in his native land, where they are people of prominence. There were nine children born

to his parents, but he was the only one to leave Germany for the United States, which he did in 1854. Landing at New York City, he came thence to Danville, Pa., and here for thirty years he was connected with the rolling mills of the city. Later he embarked in a grocery business, operating same from 1877 until his death, April 15, 1911. Absorbed as he was in business he had no time for politics, and never desired office. For many years he belonged to the Odd Fellows at Danville, and he held the respect of his associates in this order as he did in all the other relations of life.

John A. Bruder married Mary Elizabeth Saltzman, who was a native of the same country as her husband. They had two sons and four daughters: Anna Catherine, who married Jacob Bubeck, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Anna Maria, who is deceased; Mary Elizabeth, married to C. McCormick, of Pittsburgh, and the mother of four children; Augusta Anna, who took charge of the store after her father's death and has continued to conduct it ever since (she was born and reared at Danville); Theodore, who married Anna Brook and has two children (they live at Philadelphia); and John. Mrs. Bruder died in 1899, aged seventy-two years. The family are German Lutherans.

ORRIN H. BARNARD, now living retired at Berwick, Pa., was born in Sullivan county, N. Y., June 1, 1838, son of Samuel and Martha A. (Conklin) Barnard.

Samuel Barnard, the father of Orrin H. Barnard, was born in Connecticut, and early in life moved to New York, where he married Martha A. Conklin, a native of that State. Mr. Barnard was for many years connected with the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company. At the time of the discovery of coal at Plymouth, Pa., he came to this State, later returned to New York, and then again came to Pennsylvania, where his death occurred, in Pike county. He and his wife were the parents of nine children: William C., who died at Berwick, and who was in the Union service during the Civil war, as a member of Company E, 200th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry; Mrs. Amanda Wood, of New Jersey; Nancy Jane, deceased; Elmira, who died in New York State; Orrin H.; and Curtis, Lucretia, Louis and Clark, all of whom are deceased.

Orrin H. Barnard, son of Samuel Barnard, spent his early days in Pennsylvania, living in both Pike and Wayne counties, and attending school in the latter place. He was nineteen years of age when he learned the trade of



blacksmith, which he followed until enlisting in the Union service, in 1862, as a member of Company E, 179th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, from Wayne county. He saw much active service during the ten months he was in the army, and after receiving his honorable discharge at Philadelphia returned to Wayne county and there resumed operations at his trade. In 1868 Mr. Barnard came to Berwick and entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Company, with which concern and its successor, the American Car and Foundry Company, he remained for forty-two years, in the blacksmith department. He has since lived retired. His long service was marked by the utmost efficiency and faithfulness to duty, and his record was ever that of a man who deserves the high regard of his fellow employees and the respect and confidence of his employers. Mr. Barnard is a member of Captain Jackson Post, No. 159, Grand Army of the Republic, Berwick, and has many friends among his old comrades.

In 1862 Mr. Barnard was married to Anna Armstrong, a native of Wayne county, Pa., and three children have been born to this union: Ellsworth, who is deceased; George, who is a resident of Berwick, Pa.; and Royal, deceased.

**BENJAMIN F. DREISBACH** is a descendant of a long line of ancestors, some of whom assisted in the carving of this country from the dense wilderness in the past days of Indian occupation and aggressions. Mr. Dreisbach was born in Roaringcreek township, Columbia county, Oct. 30, 1837, son of Nathan and Sarah (Levan) Dreisbach, and is of German and French descent.

Great-grandfather Simon Dreisbach emigrated from Germany to Philadelphia and afterwards settled in Northampton county, Pa., where he died. He served on the Colonial side during the Revolution. His son, Yost Dreisbach, moved from Northampton to Luzerne county, settling in Salem township, near Beach Haven, in 1800, and worked at the trade of millwright. He bought about one thousand acres of land in Roaringcreek township, which upon his death he divided among his sons, of whom Nathan, father of Benjamin F., was one. He died in Roaringcreek township.

Nathan Dreisbach was born in Beach Haven, Luzerne county, and followed his father's occupation of millwright. He came to Jonestown, Columbia county, where he became a prominent man, conducting a mercan-

tile business and filling several public positions, serving as tax collector, assessor and school director of Roaringcreek township. He died in 1911, at the age of ninety years. He married Sarah, daughter of Benjamin Levan, and they had eight children, of whom Christina, wife of Isaac Forninger, resided in Jonestown, and is now deceased; Benjamin F. is mentioned below; Eliza is the wife of Elias N. Kunkle, of Jonestown; Mary E., widow of White Hosler, is living in Jonestown; Nathaniel is residing in Jonestown; William Albert is a resident of Altoona. The mother died in Jonestown, whither the family removed from Roaringcreek township.

The Levan family, of which Mr. Dreisbach's mother was a member, is of French Huguenot extraction, and the first members in America came to this country from France in 1729, to Philadelphia, in 1732 settling in Philadelphia county. They were three brothers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and they bought land which they occupied the remainder of their lives. The name was originally written "Le Van."

Mr. Dreisbach's maternal great-grandparents were living in the Wyoming valley at the time of the massacre, when the great-grandmother, who was a Booth, was captured by the Indians, and held in captivity eleven years. A two-year-old daughter was with her, Eva Booth, all the other children being burned to death in the cabin. The Booths had settled in Baltimore upon their immigration to America, and Edwin and John Wilkes Booth, the actors, were of this stock. According to tradition Mrs. Booth was taken into Ohio, made several unsuccessful attempts at escape, and was compelled to marry an Indian chief, by whom she had two sons. While the Indians were on a trading trip she finally regained her freedom, journeying to Fort Pitt, near Pittsburgh, whence she was sent to Reading, eventually coming to Columbia county and finally to Baltimore, where she died. Her husband remarried during her captivity, thinking her dead. Eva Booth, the child she had with her in her captivity, is now buried in Mifflinville, Columbia county.

Benjamin F. Dreisbach began his life on a farm, but was only two years old when his father removed to Kerntown, where he was in the mercantile business and resided for eight years. His first schooling was obtained in Numidia, in the little log schoolhouse with slab benches, and he began work as clerk in his father's store, also clerking for his uncle, John P. Levan. At the age of twenty-two he went

to Ashland, Schuylkill county, where he clerked for fourteen years, later forming a partnership with his employer which continued for two years. He then sold his share and went to Conyngham, Luzerne county, entering business for himself, and also served as postmaster during the three years he remained there. After a short period in Bendertown, in Fishingcreek township, Columbia county, he came to Berwick in the late seventies, and took a position on the road for a Philadelphia dry goods house, which he held for three years. He then established a piano, organ and sewing machine business in Berwick and carried it on very successfully until 1910, when he retired. He has been a resident of Berwick for over thirty-five years and has occupied his present commodious home for eleven years.

Mr. Dreisbach demonstrated his patriotism during the Civil war by enlisting from Ashland in 1863 in the "Emergency Defenders," Company C, 6th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He served three months, was discharged, and reenlisted in 1863, for ninety days, in the 51st Pennsylvania Regiment, Company C, serving until the end of the term, when he was mustered out at Reading. He was then drafted, but did not get out. While in the service he participated in the battles of Antietam, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville and Fredericksburg, also in several skirmishes.

On Jan. 7, 1867, Mr. Dreisbach married Doretta, daughter of William Distlehurst, of Conyngham township, Luzerne county. They had no children. Mrs. Dreisbach was born June 15, 1845, and died March 7, 1914.

Mr. Dreisbach has held the offices of chaplain and senior vice commander in Captain Jackson Post, G. A. R., and is a member of the Odd Fellows. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, to which his wife also belonged, and he was the first elder in Holy Trinity Church at Berwick.

ABRAHAM L. RAUP, a farmer of Franklin township, Columbia county, was born Feb. 19, 1868, a son of John Raup.

John Raup, who was a farmer, died when his son Abraham was twelve years old. He had a family of children as follows: Reuben; David; Abraham L.; John; Samuel; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Leiby; Harriet, Mrs. Artley; Sarah, Mrs. Marks; Hannah, Mrs. Stein; Mary, who is unmarried; and Eva, who married a Mr. Shultz.

Abraham L. Raup, son of John Raup, was brought up on the homestead, where he resided until he attained his majority. Follow-

ing that for seventeen years he was in the employ of E. F. Weaver, his uncle, from whom he eventually bought his present fine farm of 101 acres in Franklin township. This he is now operating, raising banner crops and specializing on seed wheat.

Mr. Raup was married to Eva Shultz, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Shultz, and they have children as follows: Paul Freeman, Margaret Elizabeth, Dorothy May and Velma Irene. Politically Mr. Raup is a Democrat. A good farmer and excellent business manager, he has proved his worth as a man, while the public-spirited interest he takes in local affairs shows that he is a desirable citizen.

RODMAN E. TILLEY, an engineer, of Catawissa, Columbia county, was born at Buckhorn, Pa., Aug. 1, 1877, son of William Tilley.

William Tilley was born in England Feb. 22, 1832, and immigrated to the United States as soon as he had attained his majority, making the trip on a sailing vessel, which was three months on the voyage. Landing at Philadelphia, Mr. Tilley soon left that city for Shermansville, Pa., where he worked in the mines. Later he was in the copper mines of the Lake Superior region, but returning to Pennsylvania found employment in the ore mines at Buckhorn, in Hemlock township, Columbia County. There he remained until 1879, rising to be a foreman, and in that year went to California, for three years working as a gold miner. Once more he returned to Buckhorn, and remained in the mines until they were abandoned. This put an end to his career as a miner, and he spent the remainder of his life assisting in farming operations in Hemlock township, Columbia county, until his death, April 27, 1902.

Mr. Tilley married Sarah Farnsworth, who was born near Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., and died Dec. 15, 1912. They are buried in Dutch Hill cemetery. They had two children: Maggie O., who was born Dec. 19, 1874, and died Aug. 4, 1894; and Rodman E.

Rodman E. Tilley attended the local schools and the Bloomsburg State Normal School, spending three terms at the latter institution. After leaving school he was in the employ of the School Furnishing Company at Bloomsburg for three years, at the expiration of which period he went to Numidia, where he was with the former sheriff, Daniel Knorr, as a stationary engineer for three years. Mr. Tilley then came to Catawissa and spent two years in the car shops of the Philadelphia &

Reading Railway Company, until he became a fireman on the road, and after two years, on Oct. 1, 1902, was promoted to engineer. He has since been running on the Catawissa division. He belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, to Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M., and is a past high priest of Catawissa Chapter, No. 178, R. A. M.

Mr. Tilley was married, Oct. 11, 1898, to Alice G. Walter, daughter of William and Mary (Yost) Walter, and they have children as follows: Harold W., Ethyl M., Margaret G., Walter E. and Torello F. The family are Lutherans in religious faith.

CHARLES N. MARTZ, now a farmer in Greenwood township, Columbia county, was born Sept. 1, 1871, at Strawberry Ridge, Montour county, on a farm adjoining the hotel property there which he had for a short time. He is a son of William H. Martz and grandson of Jacob Martz, the latter also a native of the State of Pennsylvania, where he passed all his life, dying in 1851, when fifty-two years old. Bringing his wife to Montour county, he located at Strawberry Ridge, in Derry township, later moving to Anthony township, where he passed the remainder of his days engaged in farming. He married Elizabeth Schuch, of Turbotville, Northumberland Co., Pa., who was born in that county, and they had ten children, three of whom are living: Eliza, wife of F. St. Clair, of West Point, Nebr.; Henry, a farmer of Montour county, who served in the Civil war; and Jacob.

The Martz (or Mertz) family is quite numerous in Berks county, Pa., where, in Longswamp township, the first ancestor to come from Germany made a settlement. The name is perpetuated there by the town Mertz-town, in Longswamp township, and Mertz's Church in the same section. Johannes Märtz (also Maertz), the founder of this family in America, was one of the 242 passengers on the ship "Ann," which sailed from Rotterdam, last from Cowes. He was a son of Johannes Maertz, of Stockhausen, Wurtemberg, about thirty-five miles northwest of Frankfort-on-the-Main, and forty miles northeast of Coblenz, in Germany. Johannes Maertz, the emigrant, landed at Philadelphia Sept. 28, 1749. He settled in the vicinity of Lyons, Berks county, and the church located near his home was named Mertz's Church in honor of him. The births of his first four children are recorded there. On May 24, 1756, he married Rosina Hase, daughter of Melchior Hase. Their children were: Johannes, born July 17,

1757; Anna Maria, Dec. 2, 1760; Maria Salome, May 24, 1763; Melchior, April 11, 1766; and Peter, March 9, 1769.

William H. Martz, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (Schuch) Martz, was born July 5, 1835, and died April 28, 1898, in his sixty-eighth year. By occupation he was a farmer. He married Juliet Girton, who is still living in Derry township, now (1913) aged sixty-eight years. Seven children were born to them: Andrew, of Jerseytown, Pa., is married to Jennie Mills, and has two children; Jacob is deceased; Allen, of Jerseytown, married Amanda Wertman and had one child; Elizabeth is the wife of L. Q. Faust, of Anthony township, and has five children; Charles N. is mentioned below; Anna is married to William Stumph, of Danville, and has two children; Lotta is the wife of Henry Mowery, of Derry township, and has two children.

Charles N. Martz obtained a public school education, and leaving school at the age of seventeen years subsequently farmed at home until twenty-six years old. After his marriage he commenced farming on his own account, in Anthony, Valley and Derry townships, Montour county, and for seven years in Columbia county. In 1911 he came to Strawberry Ridge and bought the interest of Mrs. Beaver in the hotel. It was originally built by Casper Hower, for a general store, and later bought by Alexander Billmeyer, who remodeled it into a hotel. It was afterward operated by A. Weise, who was the first man to take out a license. Mr. Martz continued to operate the hotel until he removed to his present farm, which consists of one hundred acres in Greenwood township, Columbia county, and he now gives his time to its cultivation. He has never taken any special part in politics, though a Democrat and interested in the success of his party. He belongs to Millville Lodge of the I. O. O. F., and is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Martz married Lottie Beaver, who was born in Derry township, Montour county, Jan. 11, 1870, daughter of Charles and Lucretia (Pollock) Beaver. They have had three children: Roy, born Oct. 7, 1898; Stewart, born July 19, 1900; and Helen, born Jan. 16, 1903.

JAMES KELLEY, of Catawissa, was born in Huntingdon county, Pa., in 1857, son of Bartholomew Kelley, and grandson of James Kelley.

James Kelley came to America from Ireland in 1840, locating in Tioga county, Pa., where

he followed farming and died. Prior to coming to America he had married, and he and his wife were the parents of two children, Ellen and Bartholomew.

Bartholomew Kelley, son of James Kelley, was born in Ireland, and was brought to Tioga county, Pa., where he followed farming. He died at Olean, N. Y. He married Margaret Russell, and their children were: James; Ella, who married John W. Houghton; and Felix, who died at Chicago, Illinois.

James Kelley, son of Bartholomew Kelley, was educated in the public schools of his native place. He learned the tanner's trade and followed it for eight years, coming to Catawissa in 1880 to engage in railroading. Since then he has devoted himself to this line of work, and for twenty-three years has been an engineer for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company.

Mr. Kelley married Annie Arnhold, a daughter of Henry and Ellen (Duhigg) Arnhold, and they had children as follows: Lena, who married J. M. Heritage, living in Tennessee; and Lucy. Mrs. Kelley died Jan. 14, 1915. Mr. Kelley belongs to the P. & R. Relief Association and to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He also holds membership in the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The Arnhold family to which Mrs. Kelley belonged is traced back to A. Arnhold, of England, who was a bugler major in the English army, holding that position for many years. He died in his native land.

Henry Arnhold, son of A. Arnhold and father of Mrs. Kelley, was born in England, and came to America in young manhood, locating at Scranton, Pa. He worked at his trade, carpentry and bridge building, assisting in the construction of the bridges of the old Catawissa railroad, now a part of the Philadelphia & Reading railway. The death of Mr. Arnhold occurred at Catawissa July 7, 1887. He married Ellen Duhigg, and their only child was Mrs. Kelley.

PETER SCHLEE, a veteran of the Civil war, residing in Franklin township, Columbia county, was born Feb. 26, 1844, son of Frederick and Hettie (Mench) Schlee. His paternal grandfather was a native of Germany.

Frederick Schlee was born in Germany, and left his native land when nineteen years old, coming to the United States. Locating first at Slabtown, Pa., he there followed his trade of shoemaking, in partnership with Henry Yost. Later he worked in the coal mines at St. Clair, Schuylkill Co., Pa., continuing thus

for twelve years during the winter months, while in the summertime he burned charcoal in Locust township, Columbia county. Having during that time been frugal, he was able to buy 110 acres of land, known as the Berger farm, upon which he died in 1862. His remains were interred in the cemetery at Catawissa, Pa. Politically he was a Democrat. His wife was born in Locust township, near Newlin. For eleven years prior to her death, at the great age of eighty-four years, she was blind. This most excellent woman was laid to rest by the side of her husband. The children of Frederick Schlee and his wife were: Peter, John and Frederick.

Peter Schlee commenced his independent career in 1861 as a boatman on the canal, running from Bloomsburg, Pa. He took the first soldiers to enlist from Columbia county for the Civil War, the "Iron Guards," from Bloomsburg to Harrisburg, to be at Camp Curtin, where they were accepted. On Feb. 15, 1864, Mr. Schlee enlisted at Danville in Company H, Baldy Guards, and was ordered to Brand Station, Va., whence he was sent to the Wilderness, participating in the lengthy engagement, and also was in those at Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, where he was in a skirmish and engaged in throwing up entrenchments. From that point the regiment embarked for Washington, D. C., and had a fight outside the city, and Mr. Schlee remained with his company until honorably discharged, June 29, 1865.

After returning from the army Mr. Schlee resumed boating, but after a year engaged with the Reading Railway Company, also for a year. He then began farming, being employed by Jesse Mensch, but after six years of agricultural life went back to railroad work, engaging with the Pennsylvania Company, with which he still remains. Politically he is a Democrat. Fraternally he belongs to the Knights of the Golden Eagle.

Mr. Schlee was married to Elizabeth Foreman, a daughter of Samuel and Mary (Everett) Foreman, of Franklin township. Mr. and Mrs. Schlee have become the parents of the following children: Mary Ellen; Samuel F.; Harvey J.; Margaret E., who married Edward Hartman; Peter L.; George R.; and Priscilla, who married T. Mensch.

GEORGE CROOP, until recently a resident of Briarcreek township, Columbia county, was born April 11, 1875, on the Croop homestead in that township, son of Allen B. and Margaret (Obitz) Croop.

Allen B. Croop was born in Luzerne county, Pa., and moved to Briarcreek township. He had a sister, Phoebe, who never married and who made her home at Berwick. Mr. Croop's life was spent in agricultural pursuits, but he found time for public service, filled the office of county treasurer, and also served as school director and in similar positions. His wife was a native of Luzerne county, coming from the same neighborhood as her husband, and both were of German descent. The father passed away April 3, 1913, at the home of his daughter in California; his remains were interred at Berwick.

To Allen B. Croop and his wife were born the following children: Charles, of Moosic, Pa., a manufacturer of powder, married Lettie Baucher, and they have two children, Tom and Margaret; Susan, deceased, married Jesse Leon, a druggist of Nanticoke, Pa., now deceased, and they had two children, Bennett and Atwood; Ella, of Alameda, Cal., is the wife of Charles Notlegagle, a salesman, and has one child, Ruth; Nettie, deceased, was the wife of Frank Bloss, assistant secretary of the American Car & Foundry Company, at the New York offices; Phoebe married Dr. J. B. Grover, of Peckville, Pa.; Rea, of Berwick, assistant superintendent of the rolling mills of the American Car & Foundry Company, married Lizzie Eroh, by whom he had one child, Allen B., and after her death married (second) Clara Hess Noissur; George is mentioned below; Blanche, of Alameda, Cal., married Charles Bauch, a candy manufacturer, and they have one son, Leonard; Mary, who married William Fairchild, of Briarcreek, a farmer and dairyman, has two children, John Allen and Donald.

George Croop grew up in his native township, and for a number of years, from 1900, was engaged as engineer in the employ of the American Car & Foundry Company. He has lately removed to Alameda, California.

On Nov. 15, 1912, Mr. Croop was married to Mrs. Edith Parker, a daughter of Charles Hippensteel, of Berwick, and one of nine children born to her parents; she is of German descent. Mr. Croop has adopted LaRue Parker, who was born April 2, 1906. Mr. Croop's family are all Presbyterians, and he was reared in that church. Fraternally he belongs to the Masons, Elks and Odd Fellows. A young man of sterling qualities, he commands universal respect and has deserved the confidence shown in him and his judgment.

JOHN JACOB KLINE, of Danville, a veterinary surgeon of long standing, has lived in that borough—with the exception of three years—since 1887. He was born Aug. 27, 1857, in Lehigh county, Pa., son of Thomas and Eliza (Dornblaser) Kline. His father, who is a native of Berks county, Pa., now resides at Allentown. He is a carpenter by trade.

Dr. Kline received his education in the public schools, principally at Allentown, where he began work as boy around the livery stable. While thus employed he also studied veterinary surgery at odd moments, taking up that profession with D. H. Wieand, of Allentown, with whom he was associated for some years, under the firm name of Wieand & Kline. He then took a course of lectures at Ontario Veterinary College, Toronto, Canada, graduating in March, 1887.

Dissolving his partnership with Mr. Wieand, he came to Danville June 1, 1887, and has since been in practice there, with the exception of three years he lived at Allentown, going there on account of his mother's death. On his return to Danville he resumed the practice he had established here, and to which he has devoted his time continuously since. Dr. Kline has acquired a good practice, and in addition to his work as veterinary surgeon he has been a representative of the Horlacher Brewing Company, of Allentown, in this district since 1907. He is one of the best known men in local fraternal organizations, being a member of the I. O. O. F. (and past grand of his lodge), Knights of Pythias, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Loyal Order of Moose, and Heptasophs.

On June 28, 1881, Dr. Kline married Rosa B. Kunkle, of Allentown, Pa., daughter of Rev. Johannes and Caroline (Knerr) Kunkle, the former a minister of the United Brethren Church.

WILLIAM J. DIRK, who is in the government mail service, carrying mail between Pine Summit and Millville, both in Columbia county, is a native of that county, born Sept. 26, 1856. He was reared there, and during his earlier years was engaged in lumbering and the timber business, afterwards following farming in connection therewith. In 1909 he secured his present position in the mail service, which he has filled faithfully and to the satisfaction of all concerned. Mr. Dirk married Florence Mary Rhoades, like himself a native of Columbia county, daughter of David and Anna (Welliver) Rhoades, the latter of

whom died in 1893, the former in 1901. Mr. Rhoades came to this region from Berks county, Pa. Mrs. Dirk died July 18, 1891. She was the mother of six children, Bessie, Harry, Leona, Florence, Solomon and Clara Belle, the last named now Mrs. Wallace H. Mohr.

Clara Belle Dirk was born Feb. 26, 1886. As she was but five years old when her mother died, from that time she was reared by Moses C. and Mary Ann (Weaver) Snyder, the former a life-long resident of Anthony township, Montour county, where he now lives retired, his foster daughter keeping house for him. He was born June 17, 1842, in Anthony township, and farmed there throughout his active years. Mrs. Mary Ann (Weaver) Snyder was born in 1836 in Lycoming county, Pa., and died in 1909. She was a daughter of Conrad and Magdalena (Fague) Weaver, also natives of Lycoming county. Mr. Snyder has one son, Loyd H., now engaged in farming in Northumberland county, Pa. He married Emma Rhone, daughter of William Rhone, who makes his home with Mr. Snyder. Clara Belle Dirk was reared in the Zion Lutheran Church.

ELIAS FRANKLIN BAUMAN, a prosperous and enterprising farmer of Main township, Columbia county, cultivating the homestead which has been owned and operated by his ancestors for several generations, was born Oct. 26, 1887. He is a son of Jeremiah Freas Bauman.

Henry Bauman, grandfather of Elias F. Bauman, was a resident of Main township and farmed on the home place all his life. He married Mary Nuss, and was the father of two sons, Jeremiah Freas and John, and one daughter, Jane, who married a Mr. Johns.

Jeremiah Freas Bauman was born Oct. 2, 1854, and died Jan. 24, 1911. He married Mary Margaret Levan, and they had children as follows: Charles Cleveland, born July 9, 1886, a railroad man, who married Sadie Rupert, of Hazleton, Pa., and has two children; and Elias Franklin, mentioned below. Mr. Bauman was a member of the Reformed Church and prominent in the affairs of the township. He was a Democrat in politics and served seven years as supervisor and six years as tax collector, holding both positions at the time of his death.

Elias Franklin Bauman has followed farming for the entire term of his life, cultivating the old home farm, as his father did before him. In addition to caring for his farm he

serves as telegraph operator and agent at the Mainville station on the Pennsylvania railroad. He is a member of the Eagles and the P. O. S. of A., and a Methodist in religious connection. Politically he is a Democrat.

Mrs. Mary Margaret (Levan) Bauman, mother of Elias F. Bauman, was born in Roaringcreek township and attended school at Rocktown, as well as the academy at Shmokin. She is a devout member of the Methodist Church.

Benjamin Levan, father of Mrs. Bauman, was a prominent farmer of Roaringcreek township, having a fifty-acre farm. The Levan family is an old one in Pennsylvania, of French origin. Mr. Levan married Christina Driesbach, daughter of William Driesbach, whose wife was a Hosler; the Driesbach family came from Germany and settled in Lehigh county, Pa. Mr. Levan was a Democrat in politics, and a Lutheran in church connection.

GLEN L. SHULTZ, a farmer of Franklin township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born March 3, 1883, son of Paul and Elizabeth (Mausen) Shultz.

James Shultz, his grandfather, was born in Mayberry township, Montour Co., Pa., where he became a farmer, thus continuing until his retirement to Danville, where he died in July, 1909, when eighty-three years old. His remains are interred in the Odd Fellows' cemetery. His widow survived until 1910, and was laid to rest by his side. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Schyers. The children born to this excellent couple were: Paul; Maggie, who married Hugh Quick; Jacob; Annie, who is deceased; Mazie, who is unmarried; Hervy; Melvin; Jessie; and Ellen, Mrs. Burninger.

Paul Shultz, son of James Shultz, grew up in a rural district and became a farmer. His first individual effort in the line of agricultural work was made in Cooper township, where he spent two years, then moving to Mayberry township, Montour county, where he remained another two years. He then returned to Cooper township, and thence came to Franklin township, Columbia county, where he died. He was the owner of what had been the Mench farm. His remains were laid to rest in Hillside cemetery, where his wife is also buried. For years Paul Schultz held office, being road supervisor, school director and overseer of the poor, and always taking a deep interest in the success of the Democratic party, whose principles he upheld.

He and his wife were the parents of the following children: William; Maggie, who married Samuel Krumm; Eva, who married A. L. Raup; Glen L.; Arthur; May; Alma, who is deceased; Grace, also deceased; and Luther.

Glen L. Shultz, son of Paul Shultz, remained at home until his marriage, when he began farming for himself, purchasing the Wright farm of 112 acres, on which he is making a specialty of the growing of apples and peaches. Although one of the younger agriculturists of Columbia county, his steadfastness and energy have placed him in a leading position, and he stands well with all who know him.

In September, 1905, Mr. Shultz was married to Rebecca Hile, a daughter of John C. and Katherine Hile, of Franklin township. Mr. and Mrs. Shultz are the parents of three children: Katherine, Florence and Henry. Mr. Shultz is a Democrat, and at present is holding the office of school director. The Lutheran Church holds his membership and benefits from his liberality. A man of more than usual ability, his associates on the school board have made him secretary of that body, in which capacity he is rendering good service.

THOMAS B. BROBST, a representative citizen and progressive business man of Berwick, Pa., where he is connected with the Berwick Store Company, was born Oct. 26, 1870, at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., and is a son of Clinton Barton and Elizabeth (Shellhammer) Brobst.

Thomas Brobst, the grandfather of Thomas B. Brobst, was born in 1819 at Berwick, Pa., and when a young man moved to Briar Creek. He followed boating on the Pennsylvania canal, and had charge of the lock at Lime Ridge, at which point he also conducted a grocery establishment for a number of years. He was a Republican, but not an office seeker, and his religious faith was that of the Methodist Church. Mr. Brobst married Barbara Ann Trowbridge, daughter of Walter Trowbridge, of below Catawissa, Pa., whose wife was a Miller. To this union were born the following children: James, who died young and was buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick; Charles M., who served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil war, was wounded at the battle of James River, and died at Lime Ridge, where he is buried; Sarah Clementina, who married John S. Mann, who is now deceased and buried at Lime Ridge; Clinton Barton, the father of Thomas B.;

Frances Elmira, widow of Wesley Knorr, who is buried at Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg; Mollie, who married Philip Ruch, who is now deceased and buried at Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick; Martha, who married Edward Freas, and resides at Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Harry, who died young and was buried at Lime Ridge.

The Shellhammer family came from above Conyngham, and located at Fullmer's mill, three miles from Mainville. John Shellhammer married Mary Snyder, of Roaring Creek, and they became the parents of the following children: George, Elizabeth, Frank, Charles, Margaret, Ella and Nora.

Clinton Barton Brobst, father of Thomas B. Brobst, was born May 24, 1848, at Lime Ridge, Pa., and there secured his education in the public schools. Following his father's example he became a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal, and also conducted a grocery and feed store at Lime Ridge, subsequently becoming engaged in the meat business there. In 1903 Mr. Brobst came to Berwick and secured a position as weighmaster with the Berwick Store Company, with which concern he is still connected. He is known as a substantial and reliable citizen, held in high esteem because of his probity and integrity. He is a Republican in his political views, and ardently supports his party's candidates and advocates its principles, but has not cared to enter the political arena as a seeker for personal preferment. Fraternally he is connected with the Masons, Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg, and the Patriotic Order Sons of America, Washington Camp No. 397, at Lime Ridge. In 1869 Mr. Brobst was married near Mainville to Elizabeth Shellhammer, who was born Oct. 31, 1853, daughter of John and Mary (Snyder) Shellhammer. She died March 22, 1914, and was laid to rest in Pine Grove cemetery. Children as follows were born to this union: Thomas B., born Oct. 26, 1870, married Elizabeth Harris; John, born Sept. 7, 1872, died young and is buried at Lime Ridge; Anna Mary, born Aug. 20, 1874, married Charles Pressler, and resides at Lime Ridge; Nellie Maud, born Nov. 4, 1876, married Philip Cain and resides at Lime Ridge; Lulu Dora, born June 1, 1879, married Bruce M. White, and resides at Berwick; Charles R., born Sept. 21, 1881, married Lettie Creveling and resides at Berwick; Harry Elmer, born Jan. 25, 1884, married Ruth Ohl, and lives in Bloomsburg; Edward, born March 10, 1888, married Belva

Kressler; Frederick, born March 10, 1888, is buried at Lime Ridge.

Thomas B. Brobst was educated in the graded school at Lime Ridge and the Bloomsburg State Normal School, subsequently taking a course at Wood's business college, Scranton, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1891. At that time he returned to Lime Ridge, where he was engaged in teaching school for three years, and in 1897 came to Berwick and became connected with the market department of the Berwick Store Company, where he now has charge of the flour, feed, automobiles, horses, etc. Mr. Brobst is well and favorably known in Berwick, where his actions have at all times commended him to the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Mr. Brobst married Elizabeth Harris, daughter of Philip and Alice (Hall) Harris, farming people of Centre township, Columbia county, and to this union have been born two children: Bertha May, born Oct. 1, 1892, who is engaged in teaching school in West Berwick; and Walter Stanley, born Feb. 5, 1899, who is deceased and buried in Pine Grove cemetery.

Mr. Brobst is independent in his political views. He is a member of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., at Berwick, and of Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., at Bloomsburg; of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., of Berwick; and belongs to the Methodist Church.

GEORGE WAGENSELLER, the present proprietor of the "Central Hotel" at Bloomsburg, was born at Sing Sing, N. Y., Aug. 28, 1862, and comes of a long line of substantial German citizens established in America since Colonial times, the founder of the line coming to this country before the Revolution.

Christopher Wagenseil came, it is supposed, from Holland to America in 1717 or between that date and 1727. He settled near where Pennsburg now stands, then in Hanover township, Philadelphia Co., Pa., now Upper Hanover township, Montgomery county, and there bought 150 acres of land lying on both sides of Perkiomen creek. His wife was Anna Christina, and their children were Anna Mary, Elizabeth Catherine and John.

John (Johannes) Wagenseil was born June 24, 1739, and resided on the farm on the Perkiomen until his death, Sept. 29, 1799. He married Mearia Meargartha, daughter of

Andrew Hohrnetter, and they had these children: John, who married Elizabeth Weidner; Catherine; Susanna; Anna Maria; Maria Margaret; Peter, who married Susanna Longaker; William; and Jacob, who married Martha Schrack. During the Revolutionary war the Continental army camped upon the land owned by John Wagenseil, and during the historic winter at Valley Forge he supplied the army of Washington with grain, his farm being just across the Schuylkill river. He was a leading man of affairs in his community and was a member of the historic Trappe Lutheran Church in Montgomery county, built in 1743. Within the churchyard adjoining lie the remains of John and his wife.

William Wagenseller, son of John and grandfather of George, was born May 25, 1778, in Providence township, Montgomery Co., Pa., and died in Chester Springs, Chester Co., Pa., July 22, 1868. In his youth he worked at farming, but after attaining manhood he went to Chester Springs, in West Pikeland township, Chester county, where he bought two farms and established the "Rising Sun Inn" at that place. This historic inn on the Conestoga road was noted throughout the State in the days of the stagecoach, and its quaint sign, showing a plowman resting beside a tree, the plow horse hitched near at hand, and the great orb of day, with a human face upon it, rising above the distant hills, was a beacon to the weary traveler of those early times. This sign is still preserved among the historic relics of the past at West Chester, Pennsylvania.

From 1814 to 1864 William Wagenseller attended the Trappe Church, as his father had before him, traveling eighteen miles to reach it. He married Rebecca Neilor, who died Oct. 20, 1844, and they had five children: (1) James, born Nov. 28, 1808, died July 15, 1868, married Harriet Hartman, but had no children. (2) George was born Aug. 17, 1812. (3) Ann, born April 14, 1815, married Frederick Halman, and had one child. She died June 23, 1885. (4) John Neilor is mentioned below. (5) Margaret Horneretter, born Oct. 28, 1818, married John Young and had seven children. She died in 1898, being then the last of the fourth generation in America of the Wagenseller family.

John Neilor Wagenseller, father of George, was born April 11, 1817, in Chester county, Pa., and there grew to manhood. For a number of years he taught school, residing in Tamaqua, Pa., and Pekin, Ill. Later he became private secretary to Simon Cameron,



with whom he remained for a long period, going with him to Sing Sing, N. Y., in 1856. There he embarked in the hotel business, but after eight years returned to Chester county, Pa., dying at Spring City on Feb. 27, 1881. He married Sarah McVeigh, who died Sept. 26, 1863, and their children were: James, born Aug. 28, 1862, who died March 7, 1889; Simon Cameron, born Aug. 13, 1852; George, mentioned below; and Sarah Elizabeth, born July 31, 1865, who resides at Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

George Wagenseller was educated in the schools of Chester county and at the private school kept by Professor Rambo, at Trappe, Montgomery Co., Pa. On Dec. 6, 1881, he was apprenticed for four years to the machinist's trade with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Sunbury, Pa., and remained in the employ of the company for twenty-three years, being in the roundhouse most of the time. On March 8, 1888, he was made foreman of the engine house at Nescopeck; May 1, 1901, transferred to Pittsburg, to take charge of the engine house at Forty-eighth street; and on Dec. 1, 1901, was again transferred, to the engine house at Erie, Pa., where he terminated his twenty-three years of service. On March 8, 1904, Mr. Wagenseller came to Bloomsburg and leased the "St. Elmo Hotel," conducting it until April 1, 1912, when he leased the "Central Hotel" here for a term of ten years. The hotel has fifty bedrooms, and is operated in such a manner as to merit the patronage of the traveling public, Mr. Wagenseller being one of the most popular men in the hotel business in Bloomsburg.

George Wagenseller married Mary E. McCloy, born March 31, 1864, daughter of Oliver McCloy, of Sunbury, who for over half a century was with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, for forty-eight years an engineer. He is now on the pension list of that company. Mr. and Mrs. Wagenseller have had these children: (1) Simon Cameron, born Oct. 18, 1886, on Oct. 19, 1914, married Sarah E. Davies. (2) Laura, born March 20, 1888, married Bruce Holdren, and has one child, James Wagenseller Holdren. (3) George Oliver, born Oct. 7, 1889, died April 20, 1896. (4) James Kerchner, born Sept. 19, 1891, is attending Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. (5) Anna Marguerite, born Oct. 30, 1893, died April 13, 1914. (6) Mary Elizabeth, born Sept. 2, 1895, is attending the Bloomsburg State Normal School. (7) Sarah Esther was born Nov. 3, 1897. (8) Wayne McVeigh was born Oct. 18, 1900. (9)

Edwin Gibson was born Aug. 19, 1902. (10) Harriet Ethel was born Jan. 20, 1905. The four children last named are attending school at Bloomsburg.

Mr. Wagenseller is interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the town of Bloomsburg, and is a member of the Elks, the Red Men and Friendship Fire Company there. He and his family belong to the Episcopal Church.

JOHN P. WHITE, late of Hemlock township, Columbia county, one of the leading farmers of that section, was born Dec. 27, 1870, in Mahoning township, Montour county, son of Edward White, and was of Irish and English descent. He was a prominent resident of his part of the county, interested in fruit culture, and had a large lumber business, connected with his sawmill.

Hugh White, founder of the family in America, was a skilled mechanic and worked at railroad and canal contracting most of his life. He resided part of the time at Mauch Chunk, Pa., and died at Nescopeck. His wife was Elenora Kelly, and they had these children: Edward; John, who died in Danville; Hugh, who died in the West; Margaret, wife of Elijah Sechler; and William, who died in Illinois.

Edward White was born in Valley township, Montour county, March 16, 1825, received a common school education, and followed the trade of brickmason for a number of years. In 1850 he established the farm of eighty acres in Hemlock township upon which he died in 1904. He married, in 1852, Mary Magdalene, daughter of Christian Mauser, and they had seven children: Ellen, Arthur, William, Leslie H., Idella, Edward L. and John P.

After graduation from the public schools John P. White engaged in farming and lumbering, having cut over fifty tracts of timber in Columbia, Montour and Northumberland counties. He located in Hemlock township in 1907 and there built an up-to-date sawmill, which he operated until his death, May 14, 1913. He married Mrs. Sarah C. Crossley, widow of Robert Crossley and daughter of John and Catherine Benfield. They had no children. Mrs. White had four children by her first marriage: Mary Emma, wife of Clyde Werkheiser, living in Philadelphia; Salie E., wife of Isaiah Miller, now living in Hemlock township; John B., who married Lulu Derr and lives in Hemlock township; and Rena Pearl, attending the State Normal

School at Bloomsburg. Mr. White was a Republican in politics and attended the Lutheran Church.

ROBERT CROSSLEY (deceased) was born in Valley township, was a farmer, and settled in Hemlock township, where he bought the Isaac Pursell farm of 100 acres. Upon this place he died Jan. 22, 1905, aged fifty-one years, eleven months, ten days. He was buried in the Straub cemetery.

Reuben Crossley, father of Robert, was a farmer and a native of Montour county, where he died. He married Martha Wilson, and they had five children: Robert, deceased; Matilda, wife of James Pursell; Emily, wife of Sam Pursell; Wellington, living in Hemlock township; and Frank, living in Montour county.

John Benfield, father of Mrs. White, was born in Columbia county and was a son of Thomas and Catherine Benfield. His father was a man of varied attainments and followed the vocation of distiller, miller, boatman and lumberman. Three children were born to this union: Sarah, wife of Peter Mowrey; Perry, living near Unityville; and John, who married Catherine, daughter of Daniel and Sarah (Everett) Cromley. John Benfield owned several valuable farms and was a man of substance and good repute. His children were: Sarah; Emma J., unmarried; Thomas H., now living on the old homestead; and John Clark, residing near Washingtonville, Montour county.

HENRY CLAY BARTON, a retired farmer of Centre township, Columbia county, was born in that county, at Espy, Scott township, Jan. 10, 1832. The Barton family is of English origin and prominent in Pennsylvania history, as the following record shows.

(I) Thomas Barton, the founder of the family in America, left his English home and settled in Virginia at a very early period in Colonial history.

(II) Elisha Barton, son of Thomas Barton, was born in Virginia June 2, 1742, and was there reared to maturity, but later on in life came to Pennsylvania and located in what is now Hemlock township, Columbia county, in the vicinity of the McKelvy mill. In time he became the proprietor of a large amount of land, which extended over a radius of nearly four miles, from Fishing creek to the neighborhood of Buckhorn. Upon this lordly estate he made his home, enjoying life although located in a wilderness. A log house was erected in the woods, and he and his children

began the work of clearing a sufficient number of acres to yield them food and later an income. Mr. Barton also raised a large amount of stock, and became a man of affairs in that part of the county. There his death occurred, and he was buried in the cemetery connected with the Episcopal Church at Bloomsburg. Mr. Barton was fortunate in his choice of property, for not only was it well suited for agricultural purposes, but also contained valuable mineral deposits. Upon it, after his death, his son Caleb made his home. Elisha Barton married Anne McCarter, who was born March 20, 1754, in New Jersey, and she died on the homestead, being laid to rest by the side of her husband. Among their children were three sons: Caleb, Cyrus and John.

(III) Cyrus Barton, son of Elisha Barton, was born on the family estate, and was sent to the subscription schools in vogue in his day and locality. Growing up on the farm, he naturally assisted in the work of developing it, but he had other aspirations, and leaving the homestead after attaining to manhood's estate went to Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., with his brother John, when that place was still in its infancy. They entered into mercantile business, being the pioneer merchants of that city, and continued their operations until about 1829, when Cyrus Barton moved to Scott township, locating at Espy, where he opened up the first mercantile house. He carried it on for thirty-two years, in a building which was store and dwelling combined, built and owned by Henry Edgar, now the property of the McCollins family. After he retired from active participation in business life Cyrus Barton continued to reside in Scott township, where he died in 1863, being buried in the Almedia cemetery. First a Whig, he later became a Republican, as the principles of the latter party coincided with his own political views. He never desired to enter public life, preferring to devote himself to his business and family. His success in life was all the more remarkable because he was injured in youth, having been on the steamer "Susquehanna," which blew up while ascending the rapids on the Susquehanna river near Berwick, May 3, 1826. He was not only known as a good business man, but also for his fine character, and he was held in the highest esteem by the many who had the honor of his acquaintance.

Cyrus Barton married Mary Catherine Brewer, a daughter of John Brewer, who died in Espy and was buried by the side of her

husband. Children as follows were born to this marriage: Erastus, deceased, who was a boat builder on the Susquehanna river; Anna Eliza, Mrs. Reed; Jacob Adams; Henry Clay; John Alfred, deceased; Mary Alice, who resides at Bloomsburg, Pa.; William, who is deceased; Susan, who married Joseph Solomon—both deceased; Charles Frank, who is deceased; and Florence, who married William Inglehart and resides at Evansville, Indiana.

(IV) Henry Clay Barton, son of Cyrus Barton, was educated in the public schools of Espy and the select school at Bloomsburg, later attending Wyoming Academy, at Kingston, Pa. Upon his return from the latter institution he entered his father's store, remaining with him until sixteen years old. At that time he went to Scranton, Pa., and became a clerk for the Lackawanna Iron & Coal Company, continuing this connection for two years. Mr. Barton then became an employee of Wells & Co., contractors, and assisted in the construction of the Lackawanna railroad. Later he was bookkeeper and clerk in the company store at Stanhope, and also served as postmaster. In time he formed a partnership with William George Hawley, under the firm name of Hawley & Barton, who operated a mercantile house at Scranton, Pa., for four years. Mr. Barton then came back to Columbia county, and settling in Centre township, in the vicinity of Lime Ridge, he began farming on the farm owned by Isaac Low, which consisted of 110 acres. While operating this property until 1865, he was also associated with the Low brothers in a mercantile venture.

With the close of the Civil war conditions changed, and he went to Williamsport, Pa., there forming a partnership with Charles Low, his brother-in-law. They branched out into a contracting and building business which they conducted for a year, when Mr. Barton severed that connection to form another with Smith Kimbell, under the name of Kimbell & Barton, for the purpose of manufacturing axes. In 1871 Mr. Barton retired from business life, to resume his agricultural pursuits on the Isaac Low farm, where he carried on general farming and stock raising, making a specialty of dairying, until retirement, when he was succeeded by his grandson, H. B. Aikman, mentioned at some length further on in this review.

Although earlier in life a Republican, the trend of recent events has made Mr. Barton a Progressive, and he is proud to follow the leadership of Colonel Roosevelt, of whom he is an enthusiastic admirer. In addition to the

undertakings already mentioned, Mr. Barton has been active in promoting local enterprises, and was one of the organizers of the Briar Creek Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association, of which he was vice president and is still a director. Mr. Barton also has taken a very prominent part in the County Fair Association, and is a member of Centre Grange, No. 56, of which he was the first secretary; he also held the offices of master and lecturer. Not only is Mr. Barton an enthusiastic member of the Lime Ridge Methodist Episcopal Church, but he has served it devotedly and well as trustee. Fraternally he is a Freemason.

On May 8, 1856, Mr. Barton was married at Lime Ridge, in Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., to Mary Frances Low, a daughter of the late Isaac Low, one of the most representative men of this section. The Low family is a distinguished one in Columbia county. Mrs. Barton died on the farm in December, 1911, and is buried in the Low family plot in Lime Ridge cemetery, Centre township. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Lime Ridge and a good Christian woman. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barton, Laura and Edith. The former, born on the Low farm, was educated in the local schools and at the Bloomsburg State Normal School, from which she was graduated, following which she taught school for some years, until her marriage to J. H. Aikman. Edith Barton was also born on the farm, in 1861, and like her sister attended the local schools and then entered the Bloomsburg State Normal School, where she took a business course, graduating in 1880. Following this she took up the study of medicine at the Woman's Medical College at Philadelphia, from which she was graduated. Following a year's hospital work at Philadelphia she returned to Lime Ridge, and from there went to Scranton, where she opened a private hospital, conducting same until her sudden death, on Feb. 20, 1913, caused by heart disease, with which she had long been afflicted. Several years before she had been obliged to give up her practice at Scranton and return to her home at Lime Ridge, but after about two and a half years had resumed her work, and at the time of her death was in unusually good health. She was a member of the Scranton Chapter of the D. A. R. and was writing the address she was to deliver at their Washington's birthday celebration when summoned to her sanitarium, adjoining her home, and she died there a few minutes later.

Henry Barton Aikman, grandson of Henry Clay Barton, was born in 1884, in Centre township. He was given a good education, being sent to the public schools of his neighborhood, and to the normal at Bloomsburg, and taught school for two terms during 1901 and 1905. Mr. Aikman then became connected with the Berwick National Bank as a clerk, but after eight years came to the old homestead in Centre township, which he is now operating for his grandfather. He belongs to the local grange, and like his grandfather is an enthusiastic Progressive.

WILLIAM ALONZO MERKEL, who holds the general foremanship of the construction and erection department at the plant of the American Car and Foundry Company, is a young business man who has given evidence of decided ability in the various positions he has filled. Though all his business life has been spent in the employ of the same concern, its multiple activities have afforded him ample opportunity for experience and development. His steady promotion shows that he has appreciated his advantages. Though reared at Berwick he is a native of Germany, born Jan. 2, 1881, at Stuttgart, where his parents had been called on account of his grandfather's death. The family came back to America when he was six months old, by way of New York.

Mr. Merkel is a son of Charles Rudolph Merkel, grandson of Charles Merkel, and great-grandson of Weaver Merkel, who was born at Lorch, in the Kingdom of Wurtemberg, Germany. He was a farmer all his life. He had three children, two sons and one daughter. He and his wife were members of the German Lutheran Church and they are buried at Lorch.

Charles Merkel, grandfather of William Alonzo Merkel, was born and educated in Stuttgart, Germany. He was a potter, and followed the trade all his life. By his marriage to Dorothy Weaver he had thirteen children, of whom Charles Rudolph is the only survivor. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merkel are buried at Stuttgart. They belonged to the German Lutheran Church.

Charles Rudolph Merkel, father of William Alonzo Merkel, was born Dec. 4, 1844, at Stuttgart, and received his education there. Later he learned the potter's trade. At the age of twenty years he emigrated to the United States, landing at New York City, where he worked for a while at his trade. On Aug. 17, 1864, he enlisted in the United States navy at New York, for services in the Civil war.

He was assigned to the United States schooner "T. A. Ward," as a landsman, connected with the Southern Blockade Squadron under Admiral Dahlgren, and was discharged at the Philadelphia navy yard, June 2, 1865. After returning from the war he came to Berwick, Pa., and worked at his trade with Charles Becker for a few years, until he entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, in the wood car department. There he remained until sixteen years ago, when he entered the Berwick Store as a clerk, and is now employed in the green grocery department. Mr. Merkel married Mary Ellen Boyles, who was born in August, 1858, daughter of James Boyles, and they have had the following children: Laura Catherine married Frank W. Reynolds, of New Rochelle, N. Y.; Bertha Louise is at home; William Alonzo is mentioned below; Elizabeth Wilson is at home; Walter Myron is at Worcester, Massachusetts.

Mr. Merkel is a Republican, a member of the First Methodist Church of Berwick, and belongs to Capt. C. G. Jackson Post, No. 159, G. A. R., of Berwick.

William Alonzo Merkel obtained his preparatory course at Berwick, first attending the Market street school, and after graduating therefrom entered the high school. Then he became a student at the Pennsylvania State College, George W. Atherton being then president of the institution, and Mr. Merkel took up mechanical engineering under him. He graduated in 1903, with the degree of B. S., and returning to Berwick began work with the American Car and Foundry Company, in the shear department of the steel plant, James McNally being his foreman and John Heavener superintendent. After a time he was made checker on all material, and from that position was transferred to the punch department, during his first two years in that connection being assistant foreman. For the six months following he was night foreman in charge of the punch department. On Sept. 1, 1913, he was changed to the construction and erection department, where he has since been general foreman. He has done notably good work, and merits his reputation for trustworthiness.

On Aug. 6, 1908, Mr. Merkel married Elizabeth Hartman, daughter of George A. and Bernetta (White) Hartman, of Bloomsburg, Pa., and they have had two children: Wilhelmine Mae, born Aug. 12, 1913; and Marion Elizabeth, born April 26, 1914. Mr. and Mrs. Merkel attend the First M. E. Church, of Berwick. He is a member of

Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., of Berwick; Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., of Bloomsburg; and Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A., of Berwick. He votes with the Republican party.

The Hartman family, to which Mrs. Merkel belongs, is of old and honored standing in Columbia county. It was established there by George Hartman, her great-great-grandfather, who had the following children: Mary, Betsy, Philip and George.

George Hartman, son of George, above, was born in 1790, and with his father settled in pioneer days at Espytown, Columbia Co., Pa., where he became a landowner and responsible citizen. His death occurred in that place April 5, 1867, when he was seventy-six years, eleven months, eight days old. His remains were interred in Almedia cemetery. The children born to him were: Edward, mentioned below; George, who married Lydia A. Ritchart; David, who died at Berwick, Pa.; Mary, who married Philip Hartman; Maria, who married Alfred Hartman; Rebecca, who married John Turner; Thomas, who died in childhood; and Eliza, who married Oliver Jacoby.

Edward Hartman, son of George (2), was born in Berks county, Pa., and was brought to Columbia county, Pa., by his parents. Here he learned the carpenter's trade, and followed it for sixteen years at Bloomsburg, developing into a contractor and builder. He then went to Centre township, this county, where he bought a farm, remaining on it and operating it for twenty-six years. At the expiration of that time he retired, locating at Espytown, Columbia county, where he resided until his death, March 30, 1912, when he was in his ninety-sixth year. Edward Hartman married Sarah Bomboy, a daughter of Jacob Bomboy, and she survives him, living at Espy, aged ninety years. They had children as follows: Miles, Emma J., Amanda C., George A., Mary A., Isaiah, Charles T., James W., and Cora A., the latter being at home with her venerable mother.

George A. Hartman attended the public schools of Bloomsburg and the State Normal School, and after completing his studies became a clerk, thus continuing for several years, until he began farming in Centre township. For the following years he alternated his agricultural work with teaching school, becoming one of the popular educators of his locality. At the expiration of five years, however, he found his farm required all his at-

tention, and for the next seventeen years he devoted all of his time to its cultivation. Mr. Hartman then left his place, and moving to Bloomsburg became the superintendent of an ice plant, but after three years engaged in a draying business, which he has built up to good proportions, being now recognized as one of the most reliable and careful men in his line, and controlling a large and steadily increasing patronage. Mr. Hartman resides on the corner of Fourth and East streets, Bloomsburg.

Mr. Hartman married Bernetta White, a daughter of Isaac and Catherine (Mellick) White, and the children of this union are: Ray W., who resides at Berwick, where he is in the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company; Jessie M., at home; Catherine, who married J. W. Bennett, of Johnstown, Pa., and has one child, George T.; and Elizabeth, who married William A. Merkel, residing at Berwick. Mr. Hartman and his family belong to the First Methodist Church of Bloomsburg. He is a member of the K. G. E., and a Democrat politically; he served for nine years as a school director while residing in Centre township, and gave his district the benefit of his practical knowledge of educational matters gained while he was an educator himself.

EDWIN ATLEE GLENN, M. D., one of the leading physicians of Berwick, was born Nov. 5, 1879, son of Henry Franklin and Mary B. (Young) Glenn.

The Glenn family are of Scotch-German ancestry and came to this country in the early days. One branch settled in Virginia, another in the Carolinas and the other in and near Philadelphia. The branch from which the doctor is descended was the one that settled at Philadelphia.

Robert Glenn, grandfather of the Doctor, was a native of Philadelphia, and resided at Holmesburg, a suburb. While he was a young man he was married to Sarah Thomas.

Henry Franklin Glenn, son of Robert, was born March 15, 1848, in Holmesburg, and attended public school in Philadelphia. He afterwards took a course in mechanical engineering, but soon engaged as salesman in a dry goods store in Philadelphia, remaining there until 1870. He then came to Berwick, Pa., entering the office of the firm of Jackson & Woodin. When the firm was incorporated as the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company he was made secretary, in which capacity he served until he became manager of the



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Berwick Rolling Mills, and continued as such until the concern was consolidated with the Jackson & Woodin Company. He then became general manager of the entire plant, holding this position until the company was merged into the American Car & Foundry Company. When this merger took place he was made consulting engineer, which position he filled until his death. His connection with this company and the Jackson & Woodin companies extended over a period of nearly forty years, during all of which time he enjoyed the confidence of his employers and their customers. He took an active interest in politics, as an independent Republican. He was deeply interested in educational matters, and for several years was a school director. He was a director of the Berwick Savings & Trust Company, a member of the Berwick Club, and a life member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Deeply interested in all matters pertaining to the growth and development of Berwick, he was one of its most substantial citizens. Like his father he was a member of the Swedenborgian Church.

On Feb. 24, 1875, Mr. Glenn was married to Mary B., daughter of Rev. Jared Young, and she bore him the following children: Jesse, a mechanical engineer, employed by the Canadian Car & Foundry Company, at Montreal, Canada; Elizabeth A., a teacher in the public schools of Berwick; Dr. Edwin Atlee; Anna, Mrs. Richard A. Lockard, residing in Berwick; Robert C., connected with the advertising firm of N. W. Ayer & Sons, Philadelphia; and Mary, who died in infancy. Henry F. Glenn died Sept. 8, 1908, his wife surviving until Feb. 27, 1911. They are buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick.

Edwin A. Glenn, after graduating from the high school at Berwick, entered Cornell University, at Ithaca, N. Y., from which institution he was graduated in 1901, with the degree of A. B. In the fall of that year he entered Hahnemann Medical College, Philadelphia, receiving his degree in 1904. After spending a year as interne in the Hahnemann Hospital he came to Berwick and began the practice of his profession. His ability soon won recognition, and he has enjoyed a large practice. Like his father, Dr. Glenn takes a deep interest in all public matters and has served his town in various capacities. At present he is a member of the borough council, a director in the Y. M. C. A., and an officer in the official board of the Methodist Church, of which he is a substantial supporter. He

is a director of the Yucca Mining Company. Politically he is an independent Republican.

On Nov. 5, 1910, Dr. Glenn was married to Henrietta, daughter of George W. and Rachel (Lockhart) Harter. They have the following children: Edwin A., Jr., born Feb. 8, 1912; and Donald Lockhart and Dorothy Bowman, twins, born May 5, 1914.

George W. Harter, father of Mrs. Glenn, was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and belongs to one of the oldest families in that section. His wife was the daughter of James and Susan (Santee) Lockhart, residents of the same township. Their children are as follows: Anna C., wife of Dr. Homer B. Wilcox, of Kingston, Pa.; Henrietta, wife of Dr. Glenn; and Ruth, wife of John W. Sheffer, chief electrician of the American Car & Foundry Company of Berwick.

EDWIN H. ENT, assistant postmaster at Bloomsburg, Pa., was born in that city Sept. 22, 1872, son of Kimber C. Ent.

John Ent, his grandfather, was a successful bridge contractor and builder, and lived at Light Street, where he died and is buried. He was twice married, and by his first wife had three children: Zetta, Kate and Kimber C. Later he married (second) Elizabeth Philpot, by whom he also had three children: Dora, Roscoe and Annie.

Kimber C. Ent, son of John Ent, was born at Light Street, Columbia Co., Pa., in 1842, and in young manhood became a clerk in the Iron-dale Furnace store near Bloomsburg, but later went on the road as a traveling salesman for a queensware and china house of Philadelphia, living however, at Bloomsburg, where he died in 1898. He married Almeda L. Lumbard, who died Sept. 10, 1911, and both are buried in Rosemont cemetery, at Bloomsburg. Kimber C. Ent and his wife had two children: Edith, who is the wife of Frederick Holmes, teller of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg; and Edwin H.

Edwin H. Ent went to the public, high and normal schools of Bloomsburg, and after leaving school commenced working, being engaged in the carpet mill and tube works. In 1898 he was appointed a letter carrier at Bloomsburg. After holding this position for four and a half years, on Aug. 1, 1902, he was made assistant postmaster of the office at Bloomsburg, which position he still fills.

In 1896 Mr. Ent was united in marriage with Elsie West, a daughter of John F. West, of Weatherly, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Ent are the parents of one daughter, Editha W., who was



born in 1905. Mr. Ent belongs to Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M.; Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M.; Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T.; and Caldwell Consistory. A musician, he belongs to the consistory choir. The Methodist Church holds his membership and he is serving that body as steward. Politically he is a Republican, and has done yeoman service for his party. As a public official and private citizen Mr. Ent has demonstrated his worth and stands high in his community.

RUSH T. FREAS has a model farm in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, noted for its valuable horses and cattle as well as for the up-to-date agricultural system followed there. His work has had an appreciable influence on the standards of the neighborhood, where he is considered one of the most progressive citizens in every respect, alive to the other needs of the community as well as to its possibilities from the farmer's standpoint. The Freas family is one of long standing in Columbia county.

John Freas, grandfather of Rush T. Freas, was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, and owned a large farm there, following general agriculture all his life. His death occurred in 1850. The following children were born to his marriage with Sarah Hidlay: George; Sally, Mrs. Jonathan Eck; Nancy, Mrs. Benjamin Hicks; Henry Clay; John A.; William L.; Horace; Hiram, who married A. Brown; and Isaiah B., who married Katherine Hagenbuch.

William L. Freas, son of John, was born Oct. 8, 1825, and died in December, 1895. His wife, Fanny (Rittenhouse), was born June 4, 1834, and died May 21, 1895. They had a family of nine children, of whom we have the following record: Amelia H. (Millie) married George Wesley Ash, of Briar Creek, and they have had four sons, Wilbur C., Amos M., Ralph and Dewey, the last named dying when two years old. Rachel, twin of Amelia, married Alfred Schaefer, a farmer of Centre township, and they had six children, Jennie, Otwell, Sophia, Fannie, Pearl and Stella. Rush T. is mentioned below. Anna, who is unmarried, lives at Berwick. Seth, a farmer, of Bloomsburg, married Lizzie Fester, and they have two children, Aaron and Lillie. Martha has taken a course in osteopathy and is now practicing at Berwick. Boyd, a farmer in Briarcreek, married Clara Martz, and they have one child, Margaret. Myrtle D. is the widow of Stewart A.

Ash, of Briarcreek township, mentioned fully elsewhere. Bradley, of Briar Creek, an employee of the American Car and Foundry Company, married Mary Pollock, and they have had two children, Ray, living, and Ellen, who died when ten years old.

Rush T. Freas was born Aug. 19, 1857, in Briarcreek township, where he is still engaged in farming. He has lived on his present place for sixteen years. It comprises 125 acres of excellent land, and his farming operations are carried on systematically along approved modern lines. His fine stock horses are of the Wilkes and Hambletonian breeds, and his cattle are principally Durham Shorthorns. His example in keeping high-class stock has demonstrated to the farmers in the vicinity that it is profitable to invest in the better strains, and the improvement in local herds has been quite noticeable. Except in connection with his business interests Mr. Freas takes little part in public affairs. He is a Republican in political sentiment.

On April 26, 1898, Mr. Freas married Mrs. Kate W. (Miller) Garrison, of Foundryville, Briarcreek township, daughter of Daniel Miller, of that township, and widow of John Garrison. Mrs. Freas died suddenly, Feb. 13, 1912, of apoplexy. She attended the Methodist Episcopal Church at Foundryville. Four children were born to this union: Anna, born Oct. 24, 1899, who died of diphtheria Dec. 1, 1908; William and Boyd, twins, born March 10, 1902; and Frank, born Sept. 8, 1906.

BRUCE C. DIETTERICK, a well known resident of Berwick, Pa., where he is identified with the American Car and Foundry Company, was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, June 15, 1877, son of Lewis H. and Amanda (Hartman) Dietterick.

Mr. Dietterick's first ancestor in America came from Germany and settled in Northampton county, Pa., where he resided until his death. He was among the first settlers of that county. His son, Jacob, a farmer, came to Columbia county in 1800 and settled in Centre township. He owned a large tract of land, all timber, which required many years of labor to clear. He was a strong Democrat in politics, and was sixty-four years old at the time of his death.

Lewis Dietterich (as the name was formerly spelled), son of Jacob, was only ten years old when his parents came to this county, and he used to take the grain on horseback to the old Rittenhouse mill. He was a carpenter,

and followed that trade as long as he was able to work. He married Elizabeth Hoofnagle, like himself a native of Pennsylvania and of German descent, and to their union were born five children: Emmor, Stephen, Sarah (wife of Andrew Terwilliger), Phoebe and Elias (the latter served in the Civil war and died a short time after his discharge).

Emmor Dietterick was born in Centre township July 7, 1821, was reared on a farm, and followed agricultural pursuits from the time he was seventeen years old. He farmed for his father until he was twenty-four years old, and then on shares until he was twenty-eight. He bought the farm in Briarcreek township where he made his permanent home in 1870, owning seventy acres of good land. He married, March 4, 1849, Mary Mosteller, and four children were born to them: Edella; Dora, wife of Warren Terwilliger; Clark, deceased; and Lewis H., deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Dietterick were members of the Lutheran Church. He served as school director, auditor, judge of elections and inspector, and was supervisor eleven terms.

Lewis H. Dietterick was born Dec. 11, 1849, in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, and passed his life there in agricultural pursuits, owning a farm of ninety acres, upon which he died March 7, 1883. He belonged to the Grange in Centre township, was a Democrat in politics, and a member of the German Reformed Church. His wife was a Methodist. They were the parents of the following children: D. Ray, born Aug. 5, 1874, who married Sue Linville; Laura W., born July 29, 1869, who married Harry Fairchilds; Bruce C.; and Ethel P., born June 19, 1881, who died Jan. 17, 1882. The mother is buried at the Brick Church in Briarcreek township.

Bruce C. Dietterick attended the Market street school and the Berwick high school, and when he gave up his studies in 1890 entered the "snap" foundry under William Scholes, superintendent. Becoming a resident of Berwick in the fall of 1892, he began work in the Freas candy factory, where he remained until May, 1893. At that time he commenced work in the soft foundry, where he remained until January, 1894, and in April, 1894, entered the machine shop, there continuing until October, 1896; was in the smith shop until August, 1897; then in the machine shop until April, 1898; in the wheel foundry until June, 1898; in the machine shop until August, 1900; in the wheel foundry until June, 1901; in the machine shop again until October, 1902, and in February, 1903, began work in the steel car department, where he remained until April,

1905. On April 19, 1905, Mr. Dietterick boarded the steamship "Majestic," leaving New York, which arrived at Liverpool April 26, 1905. Coming home on a visit he left Liverpool on the steamship "Oceanic" Nov. 21, 1906, and arrived at New York Nov. 28th. He returned by the steamship "Celtic," Dec. 12, 1906, and arrived at Liverpool Dec. 19, 1906; left London Nov. 19, 1907, and arrived at Naples Nov. 24, 1907; left Naples Jan. 12, 1908, and arrived at London Jan. 15, 1908; sailed from Liverpool Jan. 25, 1908, on the steamship "Lusitania," and arrived at New York Feb. 1, 1908. On March 1, 1908, he began work in the steel car department at Berwick, was appointed general foreman of the preparation departments March 18, 1910, and Feb. 1, 1911, was promoted to general foreman of the passenger car department, a position which he has continued to hold to the present time. Mr. Dietterick is one of his company's most trusted men, and has won promotion through his own efforts and abilities. He is a Republican in politics, a member of the Berwick Lodge of Elks, No. 1138, and in religion adheres to the Episcopal faith.

Mr. Dietterick married Madge Shoemaker, who was born Sept. 15, 1883, daughter of John Frederick and Anna M. (Rook) Shoemaker, of Shickshinny, Pa., and three children have been born to this union: Jack Lewis, born Jan. 4, 1908; Carl Richard, born March 12, 1911; and Phyllis Jean, born Aug. 4, 1913.

John Shoemaker, the grandfather of Mrs. Dietterick, was born in Luzerne county, Pa., in 1819, a son of J. F. Shoemaker, who was born in Germany and emigrated to the United States in young manhood. The grandfather secured a common school education, and for some years was engaged in the hotel business at Fairview and later at Shickshinny. He died in July, 1874, in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Fraternally he was a charter member of the Whitehaven Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and his political affiliation was with the Democratic party. He married Sarah Washburne, and they became the parents of the following children: Charles; Daniel H., who married Anna Smith; William, who married Jane Buckley; George, who died young and was buried in Conyngham cemetery; Ellen, deceased, who married George Rabert; Jennie, who married Milton F. Williams; J. Fred, who married Anna Rook; Walter, who is deceased and buried at Shickshinny; Edward; and Annie M., who is the wife of J. E. Briggs.

John Frederick Shoemaker, father of Mrs. Dietterick, was born at Fairview, Luzerne Co., Pa., Nov. 15, 1857. He was educated in the common schools of Briggsville and Shickshinny, and was in the restaurant business at the latter place until coming to Berwick in 1893, having since conducted a hotel and restaurant here and at West Berwick, the last three years as steward for the Berwick Aerie, No. 1281, F. O. Eagles. Mr. Shoemaker is a successful business man and is widely and favorably known in and about Berwick. He married Anna M. Rook, daughter of Marcus and Anna (Roemick) Rook, and they have had the following children: Guy, who married Florence Shea; Maud, who married Charles Heller; Fred; Jennie; George; Benjamin; Robert; Olive; Roland; and Madge, who is the wife of Mr. Dietterick.

Marcus Rook, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Dietterick, was born Dec. 15, 1823, at Berwick, Pa., and received his education at the old academy. As a young man he made a journey to Louisiana, but remained only a short time, and upon his return engaged in the harnessmaking business at Shickshinny. A Republican in politics, he took an earnest and intelligent interest in public affairs, and served in the capacity of constable both at Shickshinny and Berwick. Mr. Rook was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and attended the Lutheran Church. He was married at Berwick to Anna Roemick, and then moved to Black Creek, later to Shickshinny and to Beach Haven, returned to Berwick, and finally went to Bloomsburg, where he died Aug. 27, 1898. He and his wife had the following children: Abram William, who married Amanda Davis and (second) Harriet Baker; Mary R., who died when young; Susannah F., who married Ezra Fichter; Henrietta, who died young; Anna M., who married J. F. Shoemaker; and John W., who married Irene Pretherol and (second) Dorothy Honey.

Mrs. Amanda (Hartman) Dietterick, the mother of Bruce C. Dietterick, was born Dec. 8, 1850, a daughter of Edward and Sarah (Bomboy) Hartman, of Centre township. Edward Hartman, born Dec. 24, 1816, in Berks county, Pa., came to Columbia county when a young man. Learning the carpenter's trade, he became a contracting carpenter, and as such built the Columbia county jail and other important buildings in Bloomsburg. When his daughter Amanda was nine years old he moved to Centre township, Columbia county, and bought a farm of 106 acres near

Fowlerville, which he farmed for a number of years. Later he bought a part (about fifty acres) of the old Mordecai Miller farm along the River road in Centre township, and lived in that place for twenty-seven years. Then he moved to Espy, where he lived retired until his death, in March, 1912. He was a well preserved old man. His wife, Sarah (Bomboy), born Jan. 6, 1824, daughter of Jacob Bomboy, now lives at Espy. They had children as follows: Wellington and Martha died when two and a half years old; Miles, deceased, married Margaret Breisch, who lives at Berwick; Emma Jane, widow of John L. Sponenberg, lives at Berwick; Amanda married Lewis H. Dietterick; George A. married Nettie White and lives at Bloomsburg; Mary A., deceased, was the wife of William Ringrose, of Bloomsburg; Isaiah D. married Ida Kelchner, and lives in Briarcreek township; Charles T. married Clem Conner, and they live at Berwick; Jane McC. lives at Princeton, Minn.; Cora Agnes is unmarried. The father was a Democrat. With his wife he attended the Lutheran Church.

MATTHEW AUGUSTUS BIBBY, late of Catawissa, was for over thirty years active in the affairs of that place in various connections, a citizen who demonstrated his worth in every capacity and performed all his duties in life well. A native of Maryland, he was born Jan. 26, 1842, at Lakesville, Dorchester county, son of Henry and Sarah (Graham) Bibby, the father also born in Maryland and by occupation a farmer. He followed that calling near Lakesville until his death, which occurred in 1860. The Bibby family is of Scotch and English descent.

Matthew A. Bibby passed his early life upon the farm, remaining there until fourteen years old. At that time he entered the store of D. W. Wells, at Havre de Grace, Md., as a clerk, continuing in the same employ for seven years. In 1862 he went to Baltimore, Md., where he clerked in the store for George H. Edgar until 1868, the year of his removal to Renovo, Pa. There he took a position in the office of the Philadelphia & Erie Railway Company as a clerk, and was located until the fall of 1871, when he changed to Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa., to become station agent for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company, as well as express and freight agent and telegraph operator. Mr. Bibby continued to reside at Catawissa the remainder of his life, becoming one of the best known citizens of that place. In addition to his duties

previously mentioned, he was successfully engaged in the mercantile business for a time, and he was honored with election to the office of tax collector, in which position he was serving at the time of his death. Contrary to all precedent his wife was then appointed to succeed him, finishing out his term in the most competent manner. Mr. Bibby died Nov. 28, 1902, and is buried in Greenwood cemetery, at Catawissa. He was a Democrat in politics.

On May 23, 1872, Mr. Bibby married Julia Waller Clark, who was born Feb. 19, 1852, and survives him, making her home in Catawissa, one of the most respected residents of that borough. Five children were born to this union: Harry Clark died in infancy; Elizabeth died aged five years; David Boone, born May 14, 1881, is living at Catawissa; Franklin Vastine, born Oct. 13, 1883, now living at Chester, Pa., where he is in the newspaper business, married Margaret Bell Mutshler; Robert died when eleven months old.

William Clark, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Julia W. (Clark) Bibby, was an early settler in that part of Northumberland county, Pa., now known as Columbia. He was a captain in the old State militia.

Andrew Clark, son of William, was a farmer by occupation. He had three children, Mary, Andrew and David W., of whom Andrew married Anne Boone and had two daughters, Martha Alice and Mary Boone.

David W. Clark, father of Mrs. Bibby, followed farming in Montour township, Columbia county, living and dying on the farm of his grandfather, which he owned. He married Elizabeth Vastine Boone, and they had a family of five daughters: Mary Florence became the wife of Jeremiah S. Shuman; Susanna is deceased; Ada Jane married Luther Eyer, who now owns the old Clark homestead; Clara died young; Julia W. is the widow of Matthew A. Bibby.

Jeremiah S. Shuman is descended from Rudolph Shuman, who lived and died in Berks county, Pa., and was the ancestor of many of the name in Columbia county. His sons John and Jacob came to what is now Catawissa township, Columbia county, and were large landowners, following agricultural work and also running a distillery; they made peach whiskey. John Shuman died at the age of forty years. To him and his wife Catherine (Longenberger) were born the following children: Christian, Jacob, Solomon, John, Margaret, Mary and Elizabeth.

Solomon Shuman, son of John, owned land

in Catawissa township and there followed farming, later in life removing to the borough of Catawissa, where he died at the age of seventy-three years. He married Hannah Miller, daughter of Charles Miller, and eight children were born to their union: Jeremiah S., Charles T., Harry A., Josiah P., Rebecca J., Sarah C., Martha E. and Ellen E.

Jeremiah S. Shuman, son of Solomon, was born April 18, 1839, and was given a very good education for his day, in his young manhood teaching school for several terms. After that he went to clerking, and eventually became engaged as a merchant on his own account, following that business for thirteen years. For eleven years he had a store at Shamokin, Pa. Mr. Shuman is now living retired at Catawissa. His wife was Mary Florence Clark, daughter of David W. and Elizabeth Vastine (Boone) Clark, and her death occurred July 13, 1893.

During the Civil war Mr. Shuman served in the Union army as a member of Company D, 41st Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia. He is a member of Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M., and highly respected in that organization, as he is wherever known.

GEORGE FARVER, a retired citizen residing at Berwick, was born in Jackson township, Columbia Co., Pa., April 22, 1838, son of Jacob and Rachel (Pegg) Farver. His paternal grandfather was a pioneer of Columbia county, and followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life.

Jacob Farver, the father of George Farver, was born in Jackson township, Columbia Co., Pa., and followed in his father's footsteps, adopting the vocation of farmer. Later in life he moved from Jackson township to Fishingcreek township, and still later to Lee county, Ill., where he spent the declining years of his life. He married Rachel Pegg, a native of Columbia county, Pa., who died here.

George Farver, son of Jacob Farver, attended the public schools of Jackson township, Columbia county, but most of his education was obtained while in the army. At the outbreak of the Civil war he enlisted in Company F, 2d Regiment, Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery, under Capt. William M. McClure; in which he was enrolled Dec. 25, 1861, for three years. He was discharged Jan. 1, 1864, at Fort Lincoln, District of Columbia, and the next day reenlisted, for three years, in the same company, then under Capt. George W. Webb. He was discharged Jan. 29, 1866, at City Point, Va., after having participated in

numerous engagements, including those at Petersburg, Fort Harrison, Wilderness and Cold Harbor. In all his service he never received a scratch. His record was that of a valiant and faithful soldier, who won the admiration of his comrades and the respect of his officers. On his return to the pursuits of peace he again located in Columbia county, and in 1886 came to Berwick. He was for a long period in the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company, but for several years has been living a quiet, retired life, enjoying the fruits of his many years of industrious labor. His present home in Berwick was purchased by him in 1906. Mr. Farver is a member of the First Methodist Church of Berwick, and supports all movements calculated to advance the cause of education, morality and good citizenship.

On Nov. 20, 1866, Mr. Farver was married to Maria Catherine Miller, a native of Mount Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa., born Nov. 30, 1840, and six children have been born to this union, namely: (1) Orvis O., born Sept. 19, 1868, a resident of Berwick, married Harriet Shultz and has three children, George J., Mary C. and Catherine. (2) Albert A., born Oct. 21, 1870, now a resident of Atchison, Kans., is married and has two children, Martha and Florence. (3) George Gaylord, born Dec. 31, 1872, who makes his home at Berwick, married Cora Harvey, and their children are Alvin, Lloyd V., Belford and Bradford, twins, and Martha. (4) Eva J., born May 5, 1875, is the wife of Frank H. Dill, of Berwick, and the mother of Lewis and Lulu, twins, Gaylord, Harriet, Myrtle, Charles and Luther. (5) Edward E., born Oct. 22, 1877, is also a resident of Berwick. (6) Cora E., born Aug. 27, 1880, is the wife of W. B. Thompson, of Berwick, and has one child, Allen Berthier, born May 21, 1912.

Aaron Miller, father of Mrs. George Farver, was born June 30, 1812, and was a pioneer of Columbia county, coming hither from New Jersey and settling in Hemlock township. On Feb. 7, 1838, he married Catherine Whitenight, who was born March 10, 1818, and their children were born as follows: Rebecca Elizabeth, Aug. 20, 1839; Maria Catherine, Dec. 31, 1840; Sarah Ann, Sept. 26, 1842; William, Oct. 23, 1845; Sophia, July 28, 1850; George W., Oct. 4, 1852; Caroline, April 8, 1854; Mary Ellen, Sept. 4, 1856; Willetts Hervey, April 1, 1858.

WILSON LEVAN, of Catawissa, an engineer, was born in Roaringcreek township,

Columbia Co., Pa., July 21, 1860, son of Joseph Levan.

Joseph Levan was a teamster at Tamaqua, Pa., later going into farming when he bought forty acres of land about seven miles from Catawissa, where he died in January, 1905. His remains were interred at Numidia. Joseph Levan married Maria Keiser, who died in 1910. They had children as follows: Mayberry, who is living in Columbia county, Pa.; Francis, who is living on the old homestead in Catawissa township; Angelenia; Fratta; Maria, and Wilson.

Wilson Levan remained on the farm, meantime attending the local schools, until he was twenty-one years of age. At that time he came to Catawissa to enter the paper mill, but after two years left to work on the railroad as a member of the work train. He then began wiping engines, thus continuing for two years, when he was transferred to Shamokin, Pa., and spent two years more in the engine house there, until made a fireman on the Reading railroad. Once more he was transferred, being sent back to Catawissa, and fired for six months longer, when his object was attained, as he was made an engineer, and since 1894 has been running the local freight from Catawissa to Tamaqua.

Wilson Levan married Maria Winter, a daughter of John W. Winter, and they have five children: John, a fireman on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, who married Alice Walter; Ervin J., also a fireman on the same road; Robert E.; Lillie May, and Elsie.

Mr. Levan is independent in his political views. The family belong to the Methodist Church. Mr. Levan belongs to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the Veteran Association of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company. During his long and useful life he has not only worked hard but has saved carefully, and is now the owner of two fine residences at Catawissa.

JOHN E. WELLIVER, of Bloomsburg, has been engaged at blacksmithing throughout his business life, and now has a well patronized shop at the corner of Second and Leonard streets. He is a native of Hemlock township, Columbia county, born March 22, 1853, son of Evan Welliver, and grandson of Samuel Welliver.

Samuel Welliver was born in the East, and came to Columbia county at an early date. Settling at Mordansville, he lived and died there. His widow, whose maiden name was Jones, married for her second husband Sam-

uel Wolf. By her marriage to Mr. Welliver she had the following children: John; Evan; Eli; Daniel; Mary, Mrs. Kilvess; Rebecca; Ellen, Mrs. John German; Lavina, Mrs. High Alberton; and Margaret, Mrs. Theodore Smith.

Evan Welliver was born Feb. 15, 1825, in the western part of Columbia county. He followed the trade of shoemaker and was also engaged in teaming. On April 26, 1849, he married Mary C. Guild, who was born Feb. 28, 1831, and died April 11, 1883, surviving her husband, who passed away March 12, 1876; his death occurred in Montour township, Columbia county. They are buried at Bloomsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Evan Welliver were the parents of children as follows: William B. G., John E., Mary E. (Mrs. Jonathan Pursel), Charles E., Sarah M. (Mrs. C. P. Girton); Alice R. (Mrs. William Christian), Katie M., Evan W. and Elmer Wood.

John E. Welliver learned the trade of blacksmith in his youth and has followed it ever since. He is an industrious and skillful mechanic, and his reliable work has brought him a steady custom, which keeps him busy all the year round. He has served as a member of the board of health of Bloomsburg, and is a Democrat in political association. He belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

In 1878 Mr. Welliver married Lydia M. Rauch, daughter of Reuben and Mary M. (Bartch) Rauch; the Rauch family came to this section from Allentown, Pa., where they have been established for years and numerous-ly represented. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Welliver: Reuben C., who now lives at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., married Ruth Kurtz, daughter of Judge Kurtz; Florence E. married Burton Fortner and is living at Catawissa; Myrtle Irene and Mary M. are at home. All of the family received the best educational advantages afforded at home, attending high school and the Bloomsburg State Normal, of which all are graduates.

**HENRY J. PURSEL**, an auctioneer, of Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., was born Aug. 15, 1860, son of Robert Pursel and a grandson of John Pursel. The paternal great-grandfather came from New Jersey at an early day, settling in Frosty valley, in Hemlock township, Columbia county, Pa.

John Pursel was brought from his native State of New Jersey by his father when he was two years old, and grew up in Frosty valley, where he learned the blacksmith's

trade, working at same in Hemlock township and after he moved to Bloomsburg, which he did later on in life. He died in that city, after attaining the unusual age of ninety-seven years, and is buried in Rosemont cemetery. John Pursel was married three times, his first wife being a member of the Christman family, while his second and third wives were sisters by the name of Smith. His children were all by his second wife, viz.: Dennis, who died in Hemlock township; Perry, who died in Bloomsburg; Robert; William, who is deceased; John, who is living in Williamsport, Pa.; Clarissa, who married John Ludwig and died in Ohio; Caroline, who married S. A. Wilson and died in Bloomsburg; and Mary, who married Eli Barton.

Robert Pursel, son of John Pursel, was born in Hemlock township April 29, 1826. Like his father he was a blacksmith, and also engaged in farming, living in Bloom township, while, when occasion offered, he acted as an auctioneer. His death occurred March 16, 1897, when he was seventy years old. He is buried in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg. He spent a few years in Valley township, and a short period in Montour township, Columbia county, operating farms in those localities. During the Civil war he served as a member of Company E, 209th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for two years, participating in some of the hardest contested conflicts of the war.

Robert Pursel married Mary Chamberlain, a daughter of John and Mary (Erwine) Chamberlain, of Pine township, Columbia Co., Pa. She died in 1892, and is also buried in Rosemont cemetery. Their children were: Isaiah, who is living in Bloomsburg; Ella, who married Alfred Freas; Mary, who married G. N. Hagenbuch; Rena, deceased, who married Charles Culp; Henry J.; and Emily, who married Alfred Zeigler, of Bloomsburg.

Henry J. Pursel attended the public schools of his neighborhood and the Bloomsburg State Normal School, following which he taught for five years in Columbia and Montour counties, at the same time learning the molder's trade. This latter he followed for a period, but having learned the business of auctioneering with his father when a boy he found that this was the line of work for which he was best fitted, and so gradually came to devote all his time to it, having now the largest business of his kind in this part of the State. In 1907 Mr. Pursel built his commodious two-story home on East street.

In April, 1898, Mr. Pursel was united in marriage with Millie J. Kistler, a daughter of

Benjamin and Fannie (Gobo) Kistler, of Mount Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa. They have no children. Mr. Pursel attends the Lutheran Church. Politically he is a Republican, while fraternally he belongs to the K. G. E. at Bloomsburg. He is one of the most popular men in the county, having friends all over, and his good judgment and sound common sense are recognized by the many who have had reason to call upon his expert services.

BENJAMIN KISTLER, deceased, was born in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa., on the homestead of his father, Philip Kistler. Philip Kistler was born in Berks county, Pa., and came to Columbia county, settling in what later became Mount Pleasant township. He established his pioneer home in the woods, and later erected a stone residence, the first in the township. Buying land, he became the owner of 216 acres, which he cleared, and died there. He is buried in the Canby cemetery in Mount Pleasant township, which is near the homestead he founded. Philip Kistler married a member of the Hayman family, and his children were: Nathan, who died in the State of Indiana; John, who died at Buckhorn; Benjamin; Joseph, who died in childhood; Maria, who married Samuel Wanich; Hester, who married Jacob Kistler; and Rebecca, who married Josiah Hess.

Benjamin Kistler secured the farm after his father's death, and spent his entire life there, dying in 1902. His remains were laid to rest in the little cemetery at Canby with the rest of his family. Mr. Kistler was seventy-two years old at the time of his death. He married Fannie Gobo, a daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Hess) Gobo. Mr. and Mrs. Kistler became the parents of children as follows: Ida, who married John W. Masteller; Millie J., who married Henry J. Pursel; and Freas, who married May White, and is living on the Kistler homestead in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county.

L. H. DANIEL, deceased, was born near Herndon, Pa., and lived there until he was eighteen years of age. He then came to Locust township, Columbia county, to work on the farm of Daniel Knorr, in partnership with whom he later bought the store and hotel at Numidia. Mr. Daniel afterwards took charge of the store and ran it until his death, on Aug. 24, 1906, at the age of forty-nine. He was buried in the Lutheran cemetery. He married Charlotte, daughter of Dr. H. H. Fox, of Numidia, and they had five children:

Letitia, L. L., R. F., Irene and Bessie. Mr. Daniel was a member of the Reformed Church, and of the P. O. S. of A., of which he was treasurer for several years. He was a Democrat, a member of the county committee, and held the office of tax collector of Locust township. Since his death the store has been managed by his widow and family, and Mrs. Daniel is postmistress at Numidia. This office is served by a star route from Catawissa, and has been for eight years a money order office.

L. L. DANIEL was born at Numidia March 10, 1889, and has resided there all his life. He is assistant to his mother in the general store and holds the office of justice of the peace. He is a Democrat, and has been judge of elections and watcher at the polls. He also holds the office of deputy game warden. Mr. Daniel is a member of the I. O. O. F., and has been secretary of the local lodge for two years.

CHARLES GROVER McBRIDE was born on the old McBride farm in Hemlock township, Columbia county, May 13, 1886, son of Hugh D. McBride.

Hugh D. McBride, who was a farmer of Hemlock township, died Aug. 19, 1901, and his widow now lives at Buckhorn. They were the parents of two children: Charles Grover; and Anna, who is a graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal School, class of 1910, taught several terms in the public schools of Hemlock township, and is now residing with her mother.

Charles Grover McBride took a two-year course at the Bloomsburg State Normal School, after going through the public schools of his native township, and for two terms taught school in Hemlock township. In 1907 he entered State College, where he took the horticultural course, being graduated therefrom with honors. Mr. McBride then taught in the Buckhorn high school during 1911-12, when he accepted a position as manager of "Uncle John's farm," located at Espy, Pa., on March 15, 1912. There were then 1,500 laying hens and 3,000 pigeons on the farm, while in the orchards there were 3,000 fruit trees. On Oct. 8, 1912, Mr. McBride accepted a position with the United States Department of Agriculture and the Pennsylvania State College cooperating, as county agriculturist in Mercer county, Pa. His work is connected with the Mercer County Farm Bureau, which is a county organization for agricultural improvement, and maintains offices at

Greenville and Mercer, Pa. His activity in connection with Boys' and Girls' Clubs has received considerable attention throughout the State. Mr. McBride is the owner of the McBride homestead in Hemlock township, which bears the appropriate name of "Meadow Brook Farm," and is located about a half mile west of Buckhorn. Having so thoroughly identified himself with agricultural matters, Mr. McBride is naturally a leading factor in the local Grange, and is a recognized authority upon matters pertaining to his line of work. He still retains his connections with his college fraternity, Alpha Zeta. The Lutheran Church of Buckhorn holds his membership, and he is active in church and Sunday school work.

On June 22, 1912, Mr. McBride was married to Lois DeWitt, of Bloomsburg.

LLOYD E. SMITH, a carpenter, now acting as foreman in the Magee Carpet Mills at Bloomsburg, was born in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., Jan. 22, 1866, son of John Smith and grandson of John Smith.

John Smith, grandfather of Lloyd E. Smith, was born in New Jersey, where he married, and later moved to Luzerne county, Pa., settling in Black Creek township and carrying on farming until his death. The children born to him and his wife were: Phineas; Joseph; William; John; James; Kate, who married Amos McNeal; Jane, who married Fred Hill; Rebecca, who married Cyrus Young; and Mary, who married John Sinn.

John Smith, son of John Smith, was born in Black Creek township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and like his father was an agriculturist all of his active life. His death occurred at Hazleton, Pa., and his remains were interred at Berwick. His wife bore the maiden name of Catherine Best, and they had these children: Robert M., who resides in West Berwick, Pa., is a painter (he served during the Civil war); Mary married William Faust; Alice married Charles Mason; William is deceased; George is living at Berwick; Evan is living at Nescopeck; Charles lives at Weatherly, Pa.; Viridilla married Harry Singly; Rosella died when three years old; Lloyd E. completes the family.

Lloyd E. Smith was educated in the public schools of Luzerne county, and continued to assist his father until he attained his majority. At that time he began learning the carpenter's trade at Berwick, in the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company, remaining with this concern for two years. He then

came to Bloomsburg and worked at his trade under James Shaffer some seven years. At the expiration of that period he entered the Bloomsburg Door & Sash Factory, and after eighteen months' employment there left to engage with J. L. Dillon. Within a year he was offered the position which he still holds. Mr. Smith has a large force of men under his direction, and looks after all the building and repair work of this large plant; he is one of the best foremen the company has ever been able to secure.

Mr. Smith married Emma Yost, a daughter of Isaac E. Yost, of Bloomsburg, whose sketch also appears in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have the following children: Isaac, who lives in Omaha, Nebr.; Elmer, and George. Politically Mr. Smith is a member of the Republican party. His religious affiliation is with the Methodist Church of Bloomsburg, which he is now serving as steward. Fraternally he is a member of the P. O. S. of A., the I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs, the K. L. of H., and the Woodmen of America. His comfortable residence is located at No. 240 East Fifth street, Bloomsburg.

DAVID L. GRUBER, a resident of Rupert, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in Hemlock township, Columbia county, near Buckhorn, Feb. 14, 1851, son of George Gruber and grandson of George Gruber.

George Gruber, the grandfather, was born in Berks county, Pa., but very little is known of him. His wife's name was Barbara, and their children were: George, Jacob, Uriah, John, and two daughters.

George Gruber, son of George Gruber, was born Feb. 7, 1826, and lived near Buckhorn in Hemlock township. During the Mexican war, in 1846, he served his country as a soldier. On Feb. 7, 1850, George Gruber married Catherine Ohl, a daughter of Henry Ohl, and they had two children, David L. and Mary Catherine, the latter dying when young. George Gruber died in Hemlock township and was interred in the old Vanderslice graveyard in that township. His widow married (second) Daniel Smith, and had one son, Edwin Smith. She died in February, 1910, aged eighty-two years, and is buried by the side of her first husband.

David L. Gruber went to the schools of his district, and grew up on the homestead. In addition to farming he learned the carpenter's trade, and worked at it for a few years in Columbia county. At the same time he farmed, thus continuing until his removal to



Rupert, where he embarked in the business of hauling sand, but after nine years resumed carpentry work, which still occupies him. In 1904 he bought the old Monroe homestead at Rupert, which continues to be his home.

Mr. Gruber married Sarah E. Shultz, a daughter of Russel Shultz, and they have had children as follows: George F. was drowned at Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa., at the age of eleven and a half years; Lillian C., who married Charles McBride, resides near Rupert, in Montour township; Ray H., who married Ida Rhoads, resides at Rupert; Lewis, who married Ethel Smith, resides at Orangeville; Edna M. married John C. Ivey.

Mr. Gruber is a Democrat in his political convictions, and has been elected on his party ticket as auditor and supervisor. The Reformed Church holds his membership, and he is a most excellent man, a citizen who has always endeavored to do his full duty as he saw it.

HENRY W. MELICK, a veteran of the Civil war, now living in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in that township Jan. 21, 1841, son of Andrew Melick.

John Melick, a German by birth, immigrated to the United States at an early day, locating in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa., where he rounded out his useful life, dying upon the farm he had bought. His children were: Hettie, who married David Staub; and Andrew.

Andrew Melick was born in Columbia county, and here followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1865, upon his farm. His remains were laid to rest in the Canby cemetery, in Mount Pleasant township. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sarah White, was a daughter of William White. The children of Andrew Melick and his wife were: John, who is deceased; Martha, deceased; Margaret, who married Henry Melick; Henry W.; Elijah, who is deceased; and Peter, also deceased.

Henry W. Melick, a son of Andrew Melick, attended the local schools and was brought up a farmer. When his country had need of his services he enlisted, in Company F, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, serving eleven months. Mr. Melick then reenlisted, in Company M, Heavy Artillery, 3d Regiment, Battery No. 1, and during his term was in the front at every battle, seeing hard service. His second period of service extended over two

years, and once more he returned home. He is now the only living veteran of the Civil war in Mount Pleasant township.

After his return from the war he resumed his peaceful occupation of farming, but eventually sold his sixty-four-acre farm, now owning but eight acres. Mr. Melick has been active along other lines, for he was postmaster at the Canby post office for fourteen years, his daughter, Miss Caroline, being his assistant, and he also conducted a confectionery business. During 1868-69 he operated a hotel at Canby, and is in consequence of all these business connections a very well known man, and needless to say highly respected by all who have the honor of his acquaintance.

Henry W. Melick married Louisa Crouse, a daughter of Andrew Crouse, and two children were born of this union: Caroline A., who is at home; and Esther Rosanna, who died at the age of nineteen years. Mrs. Melick died Feb. 22, 1910, and is interred in the Canby cemetery in Mount Pleasant township. The family are Lutherans. Mr. Melick is a poet, and not only recites his own poems but others, being noted for his ability along this line.

ROBERT WILSON VAN HORN, a retired farmer, now employed by the Magee Carpet Mills, Bloomsburg, was born May 4, 1860, in Greenwood township, Columbia county, son of James Van Horn, and grandson of James Van Horn, all farmers of this county.

James Van Horn, the grandfather, was a farmer of Orange township. He married Polly (Mary) Wilson, and they had the following children: Elizabeth, Sarah, Ellen, Nancy, Charity, James, Joseph and William.

James Van Horn, father of Robert Wilson, was born May 8, 1819, in Orange township, and attended the McHenry schoolhouse, working in the summer on his father's farm and for the neighbors around in the township. When he grew to manhood he bought a farm in Greenwood township, to which he added as the years rolled by, until at his death he possessed three farms aggregating 200 acres. He retired about two years before his death and left the work of the farms to his sons. He married Mrs. Margaret C. Cummings, widow of James Cummings and daughter of John and Letty (Miller) Wilson, the latter a daughter of Joseph and Margaret Miller. The children of this marriage were: Letty, widow of Owen Wolf, of Luzerne county; James Clyde, who married Maria Blish, living in

Bloomsburg; Robert Wilson, mentioned below; and Charles Newton, John Miller and Harriet Emma, who died in infancy.

James Van Horn died in Greenwood township April 13, 1886, and his wife, who was born April 21, 1819, died Sept. 22, 1891. Both are buried in the Rohrsburg cemetery, in Columbia county. At his death his son James Clyde inherited the sixty-nine-acre farm, Robert W., the seventy-six-acre farm, and Mrs. Owen Wolf the fifty-six-acre farm. Mr. Van Horn was a Democrat, and served as school director of Greenwood township. He and his wife were active members of the Presbyterian Church. He was a member of Rohrsburg Grange, No. 108, until his death.

Robert W. Van Horn was educated in the Center schoolhouse, in Greenwood township, and worked on his father's farm until he was married. After his father's death he operated the farm he had inherited until the spring of 1908, when he rented to a tenant and moved to Bloomsburg, where he now resides. He is employed at the Magee Carpet Mills, and lives in a fine home on Fair street. Mr. Van Horn is a Republican, and is a member of Millville Lodge, No. 809, I. O. O. F., and of Bloomsburg Grange. He was first a member of the Greenwood Methodist Church, was a trustee and superintendent of the Sunday school, and now attends the First Methodist Church of Bloomsburg. By his marriage to Laura A. Fisher he has had children as follows: Edwin Ray, born Feb. 23, 1886, graduated at Millville Seminary, also from the Peirce business school, of Philadelphia, and is now located at Cleveland, Ohio, Harry Fisher, born Sept. 11, 1887, married to Zelda M. Getzinger, is a graduate of the Williamson Trade School and now an instructor in the Hampton (Va.) Institute for Negroes; Ruth, born Dec. 6, 1894, died in childhood.

Laura A. Fisher (Mrs. Robert W. Van Horn) was born in Mount Pleasant township, May 8, 1860, and is a daughter of Jacob and Ruth (Dildine) Fisher. She obtained her education in the Mount Pleasant schools and the Orangeville Academy, and remained at home until her marriage. She was formerly a member of the Kitchen's Methodist Church, later of the Greenwood Church, and now attends the First Methodist Church of Bloomsburg; she is a member of the Missionary Society and has been a Sunday school teacher during the entire period of her membership.

Jacob Fisher, father of Mrs. Van Horn, was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., Nov. 29, 1832, son of Joseph Fisher, a butcher of that

county, who died when Jacob was but eight years old. He left another son, Hiram. The mother later married a Mr. Bullock, by whom she had two children: Catherine, deceased, wife of James Duffy, and Isaac, living. Jacob Fisher attended the schools of Montour county, near Danville, and went to live with a farmer, James Everett, for a few years after his father's death. He followed the occupation of canal boatman for a time, later moved to Bloomsburg and learned the trade of saddler, and worked at carpentering in the summer and saddlery and carriage trimming in the winter. His first wife was Henrietta Ritter, who died about a year after her marriage, and then he married Ruth, daughter of Andrew and Ruth (Bogart) Dildine, by which union he had these children: Lelia Gertrude; Laura A.; John Ritter, who married Dora Bowman, and lives in Scranton; Hiram; Joseph; and Andrew. All of these children died young with the exception of Laura A. and John Ritter. Mrs. Ruth (Dildine) Fisher was born May 12, 1836, and died July 8, 1874. She and three of her children are buried at Kitchen's Church, and the oldest child at Bloomsburg.

Jacob Fisher took as his third wife Rozetta, daughter of William and Rachel (Grimes) Kitchen, and they had these children: Martha Veda and Earl Eugene, living in St. Joseph, Mo., and Utie, who died in infancy. The mother of these died at the age of forty-eight and is buried at Kitchen's Church, in Mount Pleasant township. In the latter part of his life Jacob Fisher bought a tract of thirty acres in Mount Pleasant township, upon which he resided until his death, March 3, 1907. He was a Republican, a member of Mountain Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Orangeville, and of Valley Grange, of Millville. He was a trustee, steward and superintendent of the Sunday school of the Kitchen's Methodist Church.

GUY ALFRED REED, who for some years has been associated with one of the largest manufacturing concerns in Pennsylvania, is one of the substantial residents of Berwick. He was born at Shamokin, Pa., June 30, 1884, son of Alfred and Amelia Valere (Scholl) Reed.

Alfred Reed was born Jan. 16, 1840, at Schuylkill Haven, Pa., and now lives retired at Shamokin. His educational training was received in the schools of his native place. After working on the canal a few years he went to Shamokin, in 1874, and the rest of his active life was spent in the employ of the

Pennsylvania Railroad Company, part of the time as engineer, running between Shamokin and Mount Carmel. During the thirty-six years he was employed as a railroad man, seventeen years as engineer, he made the remarkable record of never having had an accident, and was recognized as one of the most careful engineers in the employ of the company. He is now pensioned. His wife, who came from Berks county, was born Sept. 13, 1850, at Rehrersburg, that county, and died July 12, 1911, at Shamokin, where she is buried. They were married at Myerstown, Pa., Dec. 31, 1867, and their children were: Libby married Wesley B. McCloughan and resides at Shamokin; Charles W. married Mary Murray and lives at Shamokin; Carrie (deceased) married Franz Goldman and had two children, Alfred Guy (deceased) and Donald, and she and her son are buried in the cemetery at Shamokin; Jennie, who married Lewis Rebuch, lives at Philadelphia; Guy Alfred is mentioned below; Gertrude Rebecca and Stella complete the family. Alfred Reed is a Republican in his political sentiments. The German Reformed Church holds his membership.

Horace Reed, the great-grandfather of Guy Alfred Reed, came from Germany and was one of the first settlers in Schuylkill county, Pa. By trade he was a cabinetmaker. He took up some government land, cleared it, and had a very good farm. When the canal was built through Schuylkill county it cut through his land, and he sold his property to the Canal Company and moved to Schuylkill Haven, where he died. He was buried at Orwigsburg, Schuylkill county.

Moses Reed, son of Horace Reed, and grandfather of Guy Alfred, was born near Schuylkill Haven Dec. 20, 1809. He was a tailor by trade and followed that occupation nearly all his life in Schuylkill Haven. He married Maria Kentner, who was born in Schuylkill Haven Jan. 22, 1814, and died May 14, 1898. Ten children were born to this union, six sons and four daughters. Mr. Reed was a staunch Democrat, a member of the Odd Fellows, and of the German Lutheran Church. He died in June, 1884, and is buried at Orwigsburg. His wife is buried at Schuylkill Haven.

Guy Alfred Reed was educated in the Garfield school at Shamokin, from which he was graduated. Immediately thereafter he began working for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, as a fireman, but later clerked in the company's office at Gum Run, and then be-

came agent for the Grand Union Tea Company at Hazleton, Pa. Resigning that position, he became agent for the Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and also clerked in the store of the company at that place. In September, 1909, he came to Berwick, and entered the truck shop of the axle department of the American Car and Foundry Company, under John Cope, foreman, and C. G. Porteus, superintendent, and there he has since remained.

On Sept. 24, 1903, at Nescopeck, Luzerne Co., Pa., Mr. Reed married Lucretia Norman, born Nov. 29, 1887, daughter of Edward and Ella (Rhoades) Norman, from Milton, N. J. They have had children as follows: Valere Amelia, born May 30, 1904; Adeline Norman, born Sept. 26, 1906, who died Feb. 7, 1909, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick; Theodore Alexander, born Sept. 6, 1908; Guy Alfred, born April 11, 1910; William Sanford Norman, born Feb. 22, 1912; and Lee Arlington, born Jan. 19, 1914. Mr. Reed is independent in politics. He is a member of the First Methodist Church and faithful to its creed, as he is in the discharge of all his duties in life.

GEORGE W. MILLER, of Greenwood township, has passed all his life there engaged in farming pursuits. He was born in the township July 24, 1859, son of John and Mary (Rombach) Miller, who had a family of six children, two sons and four daughters, viz.: Eliza A. married Henry Parker, a farmer of Greenwood township, and had two sons, John Boyd and Bruce; Sarah married Asher K. Follmer, a farmer, formerly of Pine township, now living at Millville, and they had three children, one son and two daughters, Mary (married to Rev. J. H. Bettens), Clinton (living at Rocky Ford, Colo.), and Irene (keeping house for her father at Millville); Samuel A., a farmer of Greenwood township, married Clara McMichael and had two sons, H. Herbert (living at Berwick) and Ray; Susan E. married Gideon Michael, of Berwick; George W. is mentioned below; Clara, deceased, was the wife of Howard Lyons, a farmer of Pine township. John Miller, the father of this family, was a cabinetmaker as well as a farmer.

George W. Miller obtained his education in the local public schools and Millville Academy, and he has been a lifelong farmer, cultivating a place in Greenwood township. He has given his fellow citizens valuable service in various local positions, having served ably as town-

ship supervisor (three terms) and school director. His public spirit was well shown in his devotion to the general welfare in his discharge of the duties of these offices, and his work was thoroughly appreciated.

On May 9, 1889, Mr. Miller was married to Bertha Z. Mather, of Greenwood township, daughter of Henry Mather, a farmer. They have had four children, all still at home, born as follows: Ora J., July 25, 1890 (engaged in teaching, near home); John Edwin, Oct. 8, 1892; Jesse Carl, June 28, 1896; Truman Roy, April 30, 1900. Mr. Miller and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church.

THOMAS EDGAR, a retired farmer and a veteran of the Civil war, resides in his home at Benton, and is still interested in the events of the day and the developments of modern times. His recollection of the battles of the Civil war in which he was engaged are very vivid and accurate, and he takes pleasure in discussing, in the light of later developments, the causes and results of that great conflict.

Thomas Edgar, his grandfather, from whom he acquired the name, was a native of Townhill, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he farmed all of his lifetime, dying there, and there he is buried. His children were: Eliphias, Abraham and Andrew.

Andrew Edgar, father of Thomas Edgar, whose name introduces this article, was born Nov. 1, 1814, in Luzerne county, and when but a youth went to Davidson township, Sullivan county, where he bought a farm and pursued agricultural work until his last years, when he moved to Benton to live with his son Thomas, in whose home he passed away May 28, 1899, in the eighty-fifth year of his age. He married Dinah Glidewell, who was born in Northumberland county, and died in Sullivan county in 1878. They had these children: Esther A., Amanda K., Rachel, Sarah J., James, Joseph, Andrew, Jeremiah and Thomas.

Thomas Edgar was born in Davidson township, Sullivan county, May 31, 1839, and attended the little country schools until he was old enough to labor on the farm. Most of the time he drove a team for his father until the beginning of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company B, 84th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, attached to the 3d Division, 3d Army Corps. He was mustered in at Harrisburg and assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and took part in the following

engagements: Bath, Va.; Hancock, Md.; Winchester, Port Republic, Slaughter Mountain, Rappahannock Station, Thoroughfare Gap, Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Wapping Heights, Kelly's Ford, and Mine Run, Va.; the Wilderness campaign; and was with Grant until discharged, Dec. 14, 1864, in front of Petersburg, Va. Passing through all these battles unscathed, he was unfortunate enough to be thrown from a mule while acting as teamster and struck upon his back on a stump. From the effects of this injury and the dislocation of both ankles, while on march, he has never fully recovered.

Upon his return to Sullivan county Mr. Edgar spent four years recuperating, and then bought a farm of fifty acres in Benton township, in 1869. To this portion of the John Laubach tract he added twenty-four acres by purchase, and successfully cultivated it until 1899, when he retired to live in Benton borough, renting the homestead. He married, Feb. 4, 1866, Rosanna M., daughter of Christopher B. Sperry, and she died July 13, 1912; she is interred in the cemetery of the Raven Creek Presbyterian Church. No children came to this union. Mr. Edgar is a Republican and while in Benton township served six years as overseer of the poor. He has been a member of the Grange for several years.

STEPHEN C. SEIPLE, who is a skilled machinist, was born July 8, 1878, in Hollenback township, Luzerne Co., Pa., son of Jeremiah Jacob and Rosetta (Dreisbach) Seiple.

Jeremiah Jacob Seiple was a son of Jesse Seiple, who was born at Easton, Pa. By occupation he was a miller and millwright. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Kline, had a family of five children: Frank, deceased; Jerome; Oliver, who married Annie Grover; Sanderson; and Jeremiah Jacob. Jesse Seiple was a Democrat in politics and in religion a Methodist.

Jeremiah Jacob Seiple, the father of Stephen C. Seiple, was born April 15, 1839, near Bowman's Mill, in Orange township. He attended the country schools, learned the millwright's trade, and operated a mill. For ten years he was a farmer on fifty-nine acres of land and also had twenty-nine acres of timberland, both in Centre township. He married Rosetta Dreisbach, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Shellhammer) Dreisbach, and they had three children: Stephen C.; Ida A., wife of Samuel Gross; and Cora E., wife of William G. Kirchdoerfer. They were members of the

German Reformed Church. In politics the father was a Democrat.

Isaac Dreisbach, the maternal grandfather of Stephen C. Seiple, was a miller and farmer in Black Creek township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and built three mills in that locality. The Dreisbachs originally owned the Seiple farm. The children of Isaac Dreisbach and wife were: Stephen, Mrs. John Schod, Mrs. Lewis Frederick, Mrs. Samuel Miller, Mrs. Reuben Shuman, Mrs. Michael Shelley, and Rosetta, all now deceased. The family originated in Germany.

Stephen C. Seiple attended the public schools at Brown's Grove in Luzerne county and at Zion's Grove, in Schuylkill county. After he left school he worked with his father at milling and as a millwright until he was nineteen years of age. In 1897 he came to Berwick and entered the machine department of the Jackson & Woodin Company, where he was under John Bogardus, superintendent, and Jacob Moyer, foreman. He was sent to the steel plant of the American Car and Foundry Company under John Heavner, as superintendent, and Frederick Stephenson, superintendent of the machine department, Bruce C. Dietterick being foreman. The winter of 1899-1900 he spent in Maine (Oldtown), correcting mistakes on freight cars built for the Bangor & Aroostock railroad. For four years Mr. Seiple was night foreman of the machine department, a very responsible position. He is an all around machinist, which means that he thoroughly understands every detail and is qualified to work in every department.

Mr. Seiple was married in 1902 to Ora Blanche Kling, who was born July 4, 1878, and they have the following children: Mildred E., born July 5, 1903; Dorothy R., Aug. 7, 1905; Jessie May, July 12, 1908; Tennis G., Nov. 23, 1911; Oleta Blanche, April 8, 1913.

Mr. Seiple and his family belong to the German Reformed Church. In politics he is independent. He holds membership in Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., of which he is past master; in Royal Arch Chapter, No. 218, Bloomsburg; Mount Moriah Council, No. 10, Bloomsburg, and Crusade Commandery, No. 12, Knights Templar, Bloomsburg.

Jacob Kling, Mrs. Seiple's father, was born Jan. 25, 1841, at Howard, Center Co., Pa., and was a farmer until his removal to Berwick, where he served as janitor of the Y. M. C. A. building and later of the Berwick high school building. He died at Berwick April 17, 1904. He married Sarah Riegel, a native of Clinton county, Pa., born Nov. 20, 1846,

who died at Berwick Jan. 31, 1911. They had children as follows: Mildred married Harry Wanick; Anna married L. S. Jacoby; Wilbur married Mae Pugh, who is deceased; Ora Blanche is Mrs. Seiple.

During the Rebellion Jacob Kling enlisted for service in the Union army, Oct. 29, 1861, at Harrisburg, joining Capt. Israel R. Shaef-fer's Company (E), 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry, under Col. William B. Sipes, for three years. He took part in the following battles: Lebanon, Tenn., May 5, 1862; Laverne, Tenn., Oct. 7, 1862; Nashville, Nov. 5, 1862; Franklin, Tenn., Dec. 12, 1862; Stone River, Tenn., Dec. 26-31, 1862, and Jan. 1-5, 1863; Rover, Tenn., Jan. 31, 1863; Unionville, Tenn., March 4, 1863; Snow Hill, Tenn., April 3, 1863; McMinnville, Tenn., April 21, 1863; Shelbyville, Tenn., June 27, 1863; Sparta, Tenn., Aug. 17, 1863; Chickamauga, Ga., Sept. 18, 19, 21, 1863. Mr. Kling veteranized Nov. 28, 1863, at Huntsville, Ala., and was mustered in at Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 4, 1864. He took part in the following battles: Dallas, Ga., May 27, 1864; Big Shanty, Ga., June 9, 1864; McAfee's Cross Roads, June 11, 1864; Noonday Creek, Ga., June 30, 1864; Flat Rock, Ga., July 28, 1864; Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 12, 1864; Lovejoy Station, Aug. 20, 1864; Vinning's Station, Sept. 2, 1864; Rome, Ga., Oct. 13, 1864; Lead's Cross Roads, Nov. 1, 1864; Bardstown, Ky., Dec. 29, 1864; Selma, Ala., April 2, 1865; Columbus, Ga., April 16, 1865; near Macon, Ga., May 5, 1865. He was discharged at Macon, Ga., Aug. 23, 1865.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kling were members of the Methodist Church of Berwick. He was a Republican, and a member of Capt. C. G. Jackson Post, No. 159, Berwick. He and his wife are buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick.

Mrs. Sarah (Riegel) Kling was a daughter of Isaac and Rebecca Riegel, farming people of Clinton county, Pa., who had nine children: Sarah, deceased, Mrs. Kling; Annie, wife of William Kiester; Etta, deceased, Mrs. John E. Voneida; Cordelia; John; Arthur, who married Mary Thompson; William; Frank; and Charles, who married Lettie Dietrich. Isaac Riegel was a Republican, and he and his wife were members of the Reformed Church. They are buried in the Bethel cemetery in Clinton county.

MRS. ELLERETTA STOUT, widow of Sheridan Wright Stout, who was a well known and respected citizen of Berwick, Pa., was

born in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., Feb. 16, 1869, daughter of Burtis and Amanda (Hiney) Garrison.

John Garrison, her paternal grandfather, was born in Germany, came to America, and first settled in New Jersey, from there moving to Luzerne county, Pa. He married Sarah Seeley, and had ten children, all of whom lived to mature years. He and his wife are buried at Beach Grove, Luzerne Co., Pennsylvania.

Burtis Garrison, son of John, was born April 25, 1837, in Luzerne county, and followed farming all his life. He died Jan. 14, 1912, at Foundryville. His first wife, Susan Thomas, left two children. His second marriage was to Amanda Hiney, born Feb. 14, 1847, whose parents came from Germany, and they had thirteen children, all of whom died young except Elleretta and Ardee, the latter of whom is the wife of John Klinetob, a farmer near Foundryville; they have two children. After the death of his second wife, which occurred Feb. 27, 1883, Mr. Garrison married Rose De Haven, and six children were born to them.

Elleretta Garrison was given public school advantages at Berwick and spent her girlhood years under her father's roof. On Dec. 27, 1886, she was married to Sheridan Wright Stout, who was born June 14, 1867, and died June 14, 1908, at the age of forty-one years. Mr. Stout learned the carpenter's trade with his father and worked at the same from boyhood, being constantly promoted for efficiency. He was engaged as a high class mechanic with the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick as a template maker, having been sent to Detroit by the company to learn that business, and was highly valued by his employers.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Stout: Mabel, born June 27, 1888, who died April 11, 1895; Garrison, born April 21, 1891, a competent machinist now in Cleveland, Ohio; and Dearneth, born Oct. 27, 1895, who is connected with the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick.

Mrs. Stout attends the Foundryville Methodist Episcopal Church and is a member of the Ladies' Aid Society.

FRANK WESLEY HAGENBUCH is a well and favorably known resident of Berwick, where he is connected with the auditing department of the American Car and Foundry Company. Mr. Hagenbuch is a native Pennsylvanian, born near Shickshinny, Luzerne

county, June 14, 1880, and was a youth when he came to Berwick.

After completing his primary training in the Market street graded school, Mr. Hagenbuch became a student in the Berwick high school, and during his vacation periods worked for Jackson & Woodin, as coremaker in the foundry. He has been connected with the American Car & Foundry Company since 1899, the year of its formation, and through good and faithful services has steadily advanced in position. His first employment with this company was in the capacity of timekeeper and weighmaster in the forge department and rolling mill, where he remained for one year, and in 1900 he went to the storehouse, as general storekeeper of the plant, under F. E. Bloss, auditor. In 1901 he entered the auditing department, and in 1906 went to the steel plant as shop representative of the auditing department. There he has since continued. Mr. Hagenbuch is one of his company's most trusted employees and through fidelity and energy has earned the confidence and respect of his employers and fellow employees.

Mr. Hagenbuch married Ethel Faust, who was born June 24, 1889, daughter of Frank L. and Hannah (Alleger) Faust, of Bloomsburg, and they have one son, Frank Faust, born Jan. 30, 1914. Mr. Hagenbuch is a member of the Washington party. He and his wife are associated with the Presbyterian Church, where they have numerous friends.

John Faust, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Frank W. Hagenbuch, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in the vicinity of Northampton. John H. Faust, her grandfather, was born in Northampton county, Pa., March 14, 1828, and was a shoemaker by vocation, following that calling throughout his life. He died Dec. 11, 1899, and was buried at New Columbia. He married Julia A. Shephard, who was born Dec. 19, 1831, and died Dec. 24, 1909, and was laid to rest beside her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Faust were the parents of the following children: Emma married William A. Gorton; Agnes A. married William J. Corell; Frank L. married Hannah Alleger; William H. married Elizabeth Russell; Harry married Ida Andy; Charles B. married Margaret Heller; Edward married Pearl Hartman; Lulu married Reuben Young. Mr. Faust was a Democrat in his political views, and a man of importance and influence in his community. His abilities were appreciated by his fellow citizens, who frequently evidenced their confidence in him by electing him to township

offices, including that of assessor, in which he served capably and faithfully. His wife was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, which Mr. Faust also attended.

Frank L. Faust, the father of Mrs. Hagenbuch, was born Nov. 25, 1858, at Buckhorn, Columbia county, and there secured his education in the public schools. As a youth he learned the milling business with George W. Dreisbach, outside of Bloomsburg, and has been connected with that industry ever since, now being the manager of the Aqueduct Mill, at Rupert, in the outskirts of Bloomsburg. Mr. Faust was married to Hannah Alleger Feb. 18, 1882, and they have become the parents of the following children: Wilbur L.; Edith, who married Benjamin Creveling; Arthur, who married Letitia Lunger; Ethel, who married Frank Wesley Hagenbuch; and Reber. Mr. Faust is a member of the Order of Heptasophs, and is a Republican in politics. With his family he is associated with the Presbyterian Church.

The Alleger family originated in France, whence the founder of the family in America emigrated to New Jersey. In that State was born John Alleger, the grandfather of Mrs. Faust and great-grandfather of Mrs. Hagenbuch, in 1792. He was a cooper by trade. In young manhood he moved to Jonestown, Columbia Co., Pa., and there continued to be engaged in farming operations on a large scale until the time of his death, in 1884, at the age of ninety-two years. Mr. Alleger married Elizabeth Stayley, also a native of New Jersey, and they became the parents of the following children: John Y., who married Susan Kindig; Catherine, who became the wife of Henry Zuppinger; Eliza, who married J. Labor; Emily, who married Henry Simmons; George; Teresa, who married Andrew Creveling; Charity, who married George Hartman; and one son who went to the West and passed away there some years later.

John Y. Alleger, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Hagenbuch, was born at Jonestown, Columbia county, in 1830, and died in 1908, at the age of seventy-eight years. Although he received only a common school education he continued to be a student all his life and was considered a well-read man, with broad information on important subjects. He early adopted farming as his life work, and was so engaged until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in the Union army, his term of enlistment covering a period of three years and his field service including Gettysburg and other notable battles. At the close

of the war he returned to the peaceful pursuits of farming, and through energy and industry became a successful man, having a well cultivated tract of fifty-one acres at New Columbus, Luzerne Co., Pa. Mr. Alleger married Susan Kindig, daughter of John and Elizabeth Kindig, of Northumberland county, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: Norman B. married Emma Lanning; Kimber married Hattie Loney; Charles W. married Alice Rhone; Hulda married Ashabel Richie; Hannah married Frank L. Faust; Cyrus married Bertha Brittain. The mother of this family was a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Alleger was a Democrat in his political views, and was a popular comrade of Orangeville Post, Grand Army of the Republic.

ROLAND O. BROCKWAY, an attorney of Berwick, Columbia, county, was born at Beach Haven, Luzerne, Co., Pa., May 4, 1877, son of Frank E. and Cora E. (Campbell) Brockway, and grandson of Beckwith Brockway.

The founders of the Brockway family in this country came here in the "Mayflower," and settled at New London, Conn. The paternal great-grandfather of Roland O. Brockway came from New London to Wayne county, Pa., where he bought land, and died after a useful life.

Beckwith Brockway, the grandfather of Roland O. Brockway, was born at New London, Conn., and settled in Luzerne county, Pa., where he became a farmer, owning at one time land along the Pennsylvania canal. For some years he was colonel of a militia regiment at Berwick, but spent the latter part of his life at Harrisburg, where he was State librarian. His death occurred when he was sixty-two years old.

Frank E. Brockway, son of Beckwith Brockway, was born at Beach Haven, Pa., and was a manufacturer of brick and a farmer. In 1909 he retired after a more than ordinarily successful life, and is now residing at Beach Haven. During the Civil war he served as a soldier, having enlisted Jan. 1, 1862, in Luzerne county, in Battery F, 1st Regiment, Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteers, Light Artillery, under Capt. E. W. Matthews and Col. R. B. Ricketts. He was discharged Dec. 31, 1863. Reenlisting Jan. 1, 1864, in the same battery, he was discharged June 9, 1865, with the rank of second lieutenant. He had participated in the battles of Cedar Mountain, Second Bull Run, Antietam, Fredericksburg,



*Roland A. Brockway.*





Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Spottsylvania, Cold Harbor, the Wilderness and the siege of Richmond, as well as smaller engagements. He is a member of C. G. Jackson Post, G. A. R., of Berwick.

For years Mr. Brockway has been holding various county and township offices and for some years was warden of the Luzerne county prison. For several years he was mercantile appraiser of Luzerne county. At present he is a director of the First National Bank, and a director of the water company of Berwick.

Mrs. Cora E. (Campbell) Brockway, mother of Roland O. Brockway, was born at Beach Haven, Pa., a daughter of James S. Campbell. James Campbell, her grandfather, was a native of Scotland, and coming to this country lived in New Jersey and later in Luzerne county, Pa., where he engaged in farming. James S. Campbell was born in Luzerne county, and there grew to manhood, engaging in farming. For some years he was collector for the Pennsylvania Canal Company. He spent his life in Salem township.

Mrs. Brockway died Nov. 20, 1912. She was the mother of five children, two of them died in infancy, while two died after attaining maturity, leaving Roland O. Brockway as the sole survivor. Those now deceased who attained to mature years were: Elizabeth, who married James L. Evans, of Berwick, and died in 1896; and Marie, who married M. Jackson Crispin, of New York, and died in 1907.

Roland O. Brockway spent his boyhood on his father's farm, and was educated in the schools of Beach Haven and the high school of Berwick, from which he was graduated in 1895. Following this he entered Cornell University, and was graduated therefrom in 1898 with the degree of LL.B. For eighteen months following Mr. Brockway was in the office with G. L. Halsey, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and S. J. Strauss, who is now judge of Luzerne county. In July, 1900, he was admitted to the bar in Luzerne county, and in October of that year commenced the practice of his profession at Berwick, where he has continued ever since. In addition to looking after his large practice Mr. Brockway is interested in farming.

On June 27, 1907, Mr. Brockway was married to Belva L. Seely, a native of Salem township, Luzerne county, daughter of Samuel P. and Elizabeth (Patterson) Seely. Mr. Seely was born in Salem township, where he spent his life engaged in farming, dying there in 1909. His widow survives, making her

home at Beach Haven. Mrs. Brockway is one of a family of five children: One who died in infancy; Millie, who married John W. Thomas, of Beach Haven; Mary, who is a teacher in the Nescopeck schools; Leslie B., a graduate of the public schools and Haverford College, now a teacher in Philadelphia; and Mrs. Brockway.

Mr. and Mrs. Brockway have had two children: Frank Eugene and Robert S. Fraternally Mr. Brockway belongs to Berwick Lodge No. 462, F. & A. M., of which he is worshipful master; to the Salem Grange; the Columbia County Bar Association; the Luzerne County Bar Association; and is popular in all. Politically he is a Democrat.

OSCAR E. McBRIDE, of Berwick, a longtime employee in the store of what is now the American Car and Foundry Company, formerly carried on by the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, bears a name much respected in Columbia county and all over this section of Pennsylvania, where the family has been established for several generations. He is a son of George McBride and grandson of Hugh McBride. The family originally came to this country from Scotland.

Hugh McBride was born in the vicinity of Buckhorn, Columbia county, and was a farmer in his early years. In his latter life he moved to New Columbus, where he died at the age of ninety-one years. He was a Democrat in politics and a Methodist in religious faith. All his children were born to his first marriage, with Mary Mack: George, who married Louisa Emory, and after her death married her sister, Margaretta Emory; Shadrach L., who married Caroline A. Taylor; Sally, Mrs. Henry Smith; Roxana, Mrs. Meyers; and Maggie, Mrs. Samuel Krickbaum. Hugh McBride's second wife was Susan Bowman.

George McBride, son of Hugh, was born in Centre township, Columbia county, and lived to the age of sixty-four years. He farmed and was employed as a stable boss for the Lindemann-Skeer Company, at Humboldt, Luzerne county. After selling his own farm he rented land, and at last sold out his farming interests and moved to Berwick. He and his wife are buried at Townhill, in Luzerne county. He first married Louisa Emory, daughter of Peter and Huldah (Bowman) Emory, of New Columbus, and they had children as follows: Oscar E.; and William, who married Mabel Adams. Mr. McBride was a Republican in political sentiment, and served his country during the Civil war.

He was an active member of the Methodist Church, which he served as trustee, and held membership in the Odd Fellows Lodge at Berwick.

Oscar E. McBride, son of George, was born Oct. 27, 1854, at Berwick, Columbia county, and until he reached the age of fourteen had good educational advantages, attending the Market Street Academy in his native town, and also the academy at New Columbus, Pa. The family lived on a farm at New Columbus, and then moved to Mooresburg, about three miles below Danville, remaining at that location about three years. In 1873 Mr. McBride came to Berwick, where he has since had his home. For several years thereafter he was employed in the car shops of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, in 1880 entering the Jackson & Woodin store as clerk. He has been connected with the store continuously to the present, and is now in charge of the cigar and tobacco department. As a man of estimable character he has been highly regarded in Berwick, where he is well known in various associations. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., and of the Methodist Church. In politics he supports the Republican party.

Mr. McBride married Laura K. Ruch, of Berwick, and their only child, Miss L. Rachel McBride, is now one of the most efficient public school teachers in Berwick, having charge of the eighth grade. Her personal qualities and intellectual attainments have gained her a warm place in the esteem of all classes in the borough.

The Ruch family came into this section from Bucks county, Pa., Lawrence Ruch, Mrs. McBride's grandfather, moving hither from that county in an early day. He had charge of the tollgate between Hazleton and Berwick.

John Ruch, father of Mrs. McBride, was in his day one of the best known residents of Berwick and the surrounding territory, his twenty-four years of service as postmaster bringing him into touch with most of the citizens of the locality. He was born in Berwick, and died about 1882-83. By trade he was a saddler. To his union with Ann Herin were born the following children: Jane; Fannie, Mrs. A. H. Rush; Alice, Mrs. Thomas Welliver; William, who married first Dimis Mervin and (second) Ole Andreas; James, who married Elmira Evans; Helen, Mrs. Alfred Waltman; Margaret, Mrs. William Boyles; Samuel, who married Louisa Kurtz;

Laura K., Mrs. McBride; and Anna, Mrs. Charles George.

BARTON E. ERVIN, now living at Mifflinville, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in Mifflin township, that county, Feb. 8, 1873, son of Stephen and Margaret N. (Watters) Ervin.

Stephen Ervin was born in Schuylkill county, Pa., whence he came to Columbia county in young manhood. A miller, he worked at his trade with John Brown and at various points in the county, and died in 1879 on the Watters homestead in Mifflin township. He married Margaret N. Watters, who was born in Mifflin township, daughter of Lawrence Watters, the latter a native of England who came to the United States after a short residence at Toronto, Canada. After locating in Mifflin township he taught school in addition to farming, and was a justice of the peace. His death occurred in Mifflin township, where his daughter, Mrs. Ervin, still resides. Stephen Ervin and his wife had the following children: Barton E., James and John, the last two being deceased.

Barton E. Ervin was educated in the schools of his native township, and after attaining maturity associated himself with A. W. Snyder as clerk in a general store, this connection extending over a period of twenty years. Mr. Ervin has since been making his home at Mifflinville.

On Feb. 20, 1903, Barton E. Ervin was married to Hattie S. Keller, who was born in Mifflin township, daughter of William and Margaret (Bowman) Keller, both of whom are deceased. Mr. Keller was a farmer of Mifflin township. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Church, and interested in its good work. Mr. Barton E. Ervin is a member of the P. O. S. of A., belongs to the Methodist Church, and is superintendent of its Sunday school. His work in behalf of the church and Sunday school is very effective and much appreciated by those who are in a position to correctly judge its worth.

DR. HIRAM C. HOWER, late of Bloomsburg, one of the pioneer dental practitioners in Columbia county, was born in 1824 in Catawissa township, that county, near the borough of Catawissa, and comes of an old and honored family of this region. His parents were John and Rebecca (Davis) Hower, the father a soldier of the war of 1812. The Davis family are also old settlers of that section, Jonathan Davis, the Doctor's grandfather, making his home near Catawissa.

Hiram C. Hower was reared on the farm and during his youth and early manhood learned the trades of chairmaker and painter, at which he was occupied for three years. He had received such educational advantages as the schools of the vicinity afforded, and when twenty-two years old took up the study of dentistry with his uncle, Dr. Valerschamp, of McDowell's Mills. After a year and a half of reading and tuition with him he began practice on his own account, opening an office at Light Street, and subsequently went to Wilkes-Barre, where he was associated with Dr. Wadhams. However, the greater part of his professional career was spent at Bloomsburg, where he practiced for all but two years after completing his preparations. His skill and devotion to his work brought him popularity and a large patronage, which he retained throughout the half century in which he was engaged in active practice. During his closing years he lived practically retired, continuing to do some work, however, for old patients, who preferred to have him treat them. In his day he enjoyed the largest practice of any dentist in this section, and he received frequent calls from other localities, his surgical skill having gained him a wide reputation. He performed operations for patients in Philadelphia and other parts of this State, in New York City and elsewhere. He was thoroughly progressive, and always kept up with the most approved methods in this profession. His gold fillings had a reputation for being unequalled. Though always pre-eminently a professional man, he was successfully engaged in business for ten years, from 1867, keeping a general store at Bloomsburg and selling reapers and sowing machines. His death occurred at Bloomsburg Aug. 20, 1914, and marked the passing of one of the best known men of this generation in Bloomsburg.

Dr. Hower married Caroline Ent, daughter of Charles Ent, an old resident of Columbia county, and she died in 1888; she is buried in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg. Ten children were born to this marriage: Mary Ellen, who married Dr. Morris E. Michel, of Camden, N. J.; Emma, who married John F. Caldwell; Bettie, who married Erastus Conner, of Nanticoke, Pa.; Cora, who married Alfred M. Wintersteen, a dentist, of Bloomsburg; Myrtle, unmarried, who resided with her father; Wilbur, who is living at Bloomsburg; Lula A., who is deceased; Hiram Clarence, at Bloomsburg; and William B. and Harry, deceased.

CLINTON CRAWFORD, a farmer and thresher of Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, was born on his present property June 5, 1845, son of Joseph Crawford.

Edward Crawford, the founder of the family in Pennsylvania, came from New Jersey to Pennsylvania, and located in what later became Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, being one of the pioneers of this region. He passed through all the experiences incident to Pennsylvania pioneer life, buying land for three dollars per acre, to the extent of about 300 acres, and then clearing part of this tract. He passed away on his farm. Among his children, all of whom are not known, were Joseph, Edward and Elijah.

Joseph Crawford, son of Edward Crawford, was born in Columbia county, and like his father was a farmer, becoming the owner of the property now in the possession of Clinton Crawford. Joseph Crawford married Elizabeth Melick, a daughter of Andrew Melick, and they had the following children: Andrew; Edward; John; Joseph; Stephen; Mary, who married Harmon Kline; Kate, who married John Johnson; Betsy, who married Richard Bright; and Sallie A., who married William Oman. Joseph Crawford passed away, Sept. 9, 1844, aged sixty-two years, one month, twenty-nine days. His widow survived him many years, dying April 6, 1870, aged eighty-three years, seven months, twenty-eight days, and both are laid to rest in the little cemetery at Canby, Mount Pleasant township.

Joseph Crawford, son of Joseph Crawford, was born on his father's farm in 1818, and died in 1905. Like his father and grandfather he was a farmer, and became a prominent man in his locality. The maiden name of his wife was Catherine Labor, and she was a daughter of Harmon Labor. Children as follows were born of this marriage: Clinton; Anna E., who married David Stroup; John; Herman; William; Alfred; Joseph F.; Mary C., who died young; and Sarah B., who also died young.

Clinton Crawford went to the local schools and was brought up to an agricultural life. For several years he was engaged in farming in Montour township, and in 1886 bought the family farm of eighty acres, which he has since conducted. Since 1900 he has been operating a threshing machine in conjunction with his farming, his son Amos F. being his partner in this branch of his business. They own two steam road engines, three threshers and a hay baler, and their work keeps them

busy throughout the season. In addition to the homestead farm Mr. Crawford owns another one in Orange township, embracing thirty-six acres of land, and he is one of the most industrious residents of his locality.

Clinton Crawford married Mary E. Harper, a daughter of Isaac Harper, and she died Aug. 6, 1905, aged fifty-nine years, the day following the demise of Mr. Crawford's father; they were buried on the same day, in the Canby cemetery, Mount Pleasant township. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford had children as follows: Mary C. died young; Amos F., who resides in Mount Pleasant township, married Flora Edwards, and they have had children, Ellen (deceased), Fannie, Wilbur, Ida, Mildred and Myron; Ada married Vay Kint and has a son, Joseph Clinton; Joseph died young.

Mr. Crawford is a Republican in political faith. While residing in Montour township he served as a school director for three years, discharging the duties of that office capably; for twelve years he was a conscientious overseer of the poor in Montour township, and proved himself so efficient that he was retained in the office for twelve years more after coming to Mount Pleasant township. At present he is serving as road supervisor, and during the many years he has been in office, of one kind or another, he has never allowed his private affairs to interfere with his public obligations. The family are all Lutherans.

R. M. SHULTZ, a substantial farmer of Benton township, residing on his farm in one of the attractive country homes for which Columbia county is noted, was born in that township Nov. 25, 1867, son of Peter B. Shultz, grandson of Philip Shultz and great-grandson of Daniel Shultz, who lived in Greenwood township and was one of the pioneers of this section of Columbia county.

The earlier ancestors of the family came from Germany and settled first in New Jersey, later removing to this section. Philip Shultz, father of Daniel, died April 5, 1816, at the age of seventy-five. His wife, Barbara, died Sept. 20, 1828, at the age of eighty-four. Their son, Daniel Shultz, settled near Rohrsburg before 1800, when the locality was practically a wilderness. He married Elizabeth White, and their children were: Philip, James, Isaac, Samuel, John and Sarah. Daniel Shultz died April 30, 1852, aged eighty-three years, one month, twenty-eight days, and his wife passed to her rest March 24, 1853, aged eighty-eight years, three months.

Philip Shultz, son of Daniel and grandfather of R. M., was born in Greenwood township and later went to what is now Benton township, where he bought a farm and carried on agricultural work until his death, at the age of eighty-six years. He is buried beside his wife, Sallie (Kitchen), in the Hamline churchyard. Their children were: Elias, Daniel, Russell, Jane, Wheeler, Henry, Peter B., Hannah and Elvira.

Peter B. Shultz, father of R. M., was born Sept. 29, 1831, in Benton township, and during all of his active years was a farmer. He is now living retired with his son, R. M., and is numbered among the oldest residents of his section of the county. He married Sabra, daughter of George Gearhart, and she died in November, 1911. She was a member of the Hamline Methodist Church and is buried in its churchyard. They had three children: Wilbur L., a farmer of Benton township; R. M.; and Philip Gideon, a merchant of Benton. Peter B. Shultz participated in the Civil war as a member of Company A, 179th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

R. M. Shultz attended the public schools of Benton township and a select school at Cambra, Luzerne county. He worked around among the neighboring farmers for a number of years and finally accumulated sufficient funds to branch out for himself, in 1892. That year he bought the Miner Smith farm, which he cultivated for four years, and then purchased the J. U. Shultz farm (also known as the Simon Tubbs place), which was in a run-down condition. It comprises forty acres, which have been put into a good state of cultivation by Mr. Shultz after much hard work, now ranking second to few farms in the vicinity. He also has another tract of fifty-four acres.

Mr. Shultz married Laura, daughter of Andrew Stine, of Benton township, and they have two children: Russell, born in 1901, and Margaret, born in 1913. In politics Mr. Shultz is a Democrat, and since 1900 has held the office of school director. He is a trustee of the Hamline Methodist Church and treasurer of the board, and has been superintendent of the Sunday school. By virtue of his father's services in the war he is a member of the Sons of Veterans.

WILLIAM S. UTT has the reputation of being one of the ablest business men in Greenwood township, where he has a fine farm property of one hundred acres and various other interests. He is a native of the town-

ship and a son of Adam and Margaret (Manning) Utt, farming people now living in Jackson township, Columbia county.

The family is of German descent, and Adam Utt came to this section from Northumberland county. His family consisted of eight children: Mary, who died at Lincoln, was the wife of William Johnson, who survived her, with three sons: George, now living in Nebraska, is married and has two children; William S. is next in order of birth; Calvin, who is engaged as a transfer man at Hazleton, Pa., married Gertrude Laubach and has three children; Freeman, a farmer of Greenwood township, married Edith West and has two children; Anna is the wife of John Johnson, of Greenwood township, and the mother of one son; Clark, a resident of Berwick, Columbia county, married Laura Ziegler, and they have three sons; Warren, who is farming in Greenwood township, married Bessie Dietrich.

William S. Utt was born March 23, 1865, and obtained a common school education, attending in the home neighborhood. He has made agriculture his principal business in life, and has become one of the most progressive farmers of Greenwood township, the fine dwelling house and other buildings on his farm being an excellent indication of the thrift which characterizes his management. Besides following general farming, Mr. Utt deals extensively in cattle, and all his ventures have prospered under his intelligent care. He is known for his enterprise and energetic prosecution of whatever he undertakes, and has had substantial results to show for his efforts.

On Jan. 8, 1895, Mr. Utt married Daisy Eyer, of Eyer's Grove, daughter of Turner Eyer, a native of Greenwood township. Two children have been born of this marriage: Marie, born Aug. 29, 1899, and Glenn, born July 8, 1901. Mr. Utt is a Democrat in his political convictions. He attends the Christian Church.

CLARK W. SHANNON, proprietor of the Empire Roller Mill in Benton township, near the borough of Benton, was born at Fowlerville, Columbia county, June 17, 1876, and is a son of Bartley E. and grandson of Richard Shannon. He is of Irish and German descent.

Richard Shannon, whose grandfather came from Ireland and settled on the west branch of the Susquehanna, was born in July, 1812, at White Deer, Union county, and was reared

to the work of the farm, which he followed most of his life, in his later years entering the car works of Jackson & Woodin at Berwick, where he died. In 1834 he married Mary Lewis, who was born in 1818, daughter of Abraham Lewis, of Union county, and eight children blessed this union, two of whom died in infancy. Those attaining maturity were: William, who married Emma Boone, and settled on Black creek, in Conyngham township, Columbia county; Isaiah, of Berwick; Samuel, who married Sarah Hoofnagle, and died in Berwick; Wesley, who married Annie Linden, and after her death Alice Stevens; John, a resident of Berwick; and Bartley E.

Bartley E. Shannon, father of Clark W., was the fourth child in the family and was born Oct. 20, 1850, in Bloomsburg. He attended school in the winter and worked on the farm in the summer until he was sixteen, when he was apprenticed to the trade of miller at Fullner's mill, in Centre township, Columbia county. He remained there for ten years and then went to Mifflin, where he had charge of the Yohe mill for two years; next to Beach Haven, to manage the D. G. Driesbach mill, where he remained four years; thence to the Jonestown mill for a year, and in 1886 went to the mill at Stillwater. On June 12, 1873, he married Elvira, daughter of Samuel Zimmerman, of Orangeville, who was born Sept. 12, 1849, and had always lived with her parents before her marriage. The following children were born to this union: Bruce E., Clark W., Clement A., Howard L., Samuel, Ellen and George. Mr. Shannon is now residing in Berwick. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Clark W. Shannon obtained his education in the public schools and in a summer school at Benton, and learned the milling trade under the direction of his father. In 1907 he bought the mill he is at present operating from Edwards Brothers, and has brought it to a position at the top of the industry so far as mechanical equipment and quality of output are concerned. It is a modern, full roller process mill and has a capacity of thirty-five barrels of flour daily. His leading brand is "Silver Spray." He also grinds buckwheat and all kinds of feed, and has a large trade with the surrounding country. His mill is located about two miles above Benton and is operated by the waterpower of Fishing creek.

Mr. Shannon married Edna Hirleman, daughter of William Hirleman, of Benton, and to his union with her were born three

children, Arden, Edna and Ward. Mr. Shannon is connected with Benton Lodge, No. 667, F. & A. M., and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

**WILLIAM HENRY HAYMAN**, who owns a fine farm in Greenwood township, Columbia county, near the village of Iola, is a native of that township and belongs to an old family which came here from Berks county about a century ago. Peter Hayman, great-grandfather of William Henry Hayman, moved from Berks county and made a settlement in what is now Orange township, where he remained until his death in 1822, at the age of seventy-two. He married Savilla Hall, and their children were: John, Jonas, Joseph, Benjamin, Abigail, Mary and Maria. Joseph was accidentally killed when young. The others married and settled in Columbia county, and all reared families.

John Hayman, son of Peter, married Margaret Overderf, and seven children were born to them: Elisha; Maria, Mrs. Jeremiah Pursel; Peter; Phebe, Mrs. Joseph Fry; Sarah, Mrs. J. D. Miller; John, who removed to Michigan; and Amanda, Mrs. C. Boone. All but John settled in Columbia county.

Elisha Hayman, son of John, was born Oct. 7, 1814, in Berks county, Pa., and was but two years old when his parents moved to Columbia county. He was reared in Scott township, and learned the miller's trade when young, following it for some time as a journeyman before he came to Iola. He named that place, which is about a mile and a quarter from Millville, in Greenwood township. Then he purchased a gristmill, which he operated for about thirty years, until he sold out to U. P. McHenry and retired from the business, but he continued to carry on his farm. At one time Mr. Hayman also kept a hotel. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he held office, and in his political views was a Republican. In 1840 Mr. Hayman married Susan Evans, whose family came from Easton, Pa., and by her he had four sons, namely: William Henry; Theodore F., formerly of Shamokin, a miller, now at Muncy, Pa., married to Alverna Creveling, by whom he had five children, four sons and one daughter; John Newton, who died when forty years old; and Robert Bruce, who died at the age of eighteen years. For his second wife Elisha Hayman married Mary C. Applegate, daughter of Peter Applegate, and they had one child, Clara, now the wife of

Charles F. Robbins, a farmer of Greenwood township.

William Henry Hayman was educated in the home locality, attending public school and Millville Seminary. Before he was twenty he enlisted, July 23, 1861, in the 5th Pennsylvania Reserves, joining Company H, under Capt. John McLeary, and served until honorably discharged, June 11, 1864, at Harrisburg, Pa. Though never wounded, he had taken part in many important actions, twenty-seven pitched battles, including the Wilderness (seven days), Fredericksburg, South Mountain, Antietam and Gettysburg; and was also in numerous skirmishes. His record is one to be proud of. After his return from the army he engaged in farming, which he followed for a number of years in Pine township and later in Greenwood township, where he is now living retired. He has taken some part in the management of local affairs, having served twenty years as school director and fifteen years as constable.

On Feb. 9, 1865, Mr. Hayman married Hester Ann Robbins, of Greenwood township, daughter of William F. Robbins, who is known as "Farmer Robbins." Mrs. Hayman had two half brothers and one sister. To Mr. and Mrs. Hayman were born one son and three daughters: Warren Bruce, a farmer, living in Pine township, married Cordelia Schultz and they have one child; Susan is at home; Harriet is married to Lee Fitman, of Berwick (an employee of the American Car and Foundry Company), and they have one child, Susan Irene; Edna died when twelve years old. Mr. Hayman attends the Methodist Episcopal Church. His high character and sterling integrity, which have been tested in various responsible positions, have won him a most respected position among his neighbors. By early industry he placed himself in independent circumstances, being now able to enjoy his ease.

**HEADLEY SULT**, farmer, was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., June 28, 1863, son of Adam and Sevilla (Sitler) Sult. His paternal grandfather came from Easton, Pa., to Columbia county, and lived here for almost a half century.

Adam Sult, father of Headley Sult, was a substantial farmer in Briarcreek township and for thirty-seven years served in the office of justice of the peace. He died April 24, 1910, at the age of eighty. He married Sevilla Sitler, who was born in Briarcreek township, of German ancestry, and died in 1887. They had

the following children: Headley is mentioned below; Jacob Nathan, who lives in Briarcreek township and engages in farming, is married and has nine children; Charles W., who is a farmer in Salem township, Luzerne county, is married and has five children; Alexander, of North Berwick, who is with the American Car and Foundry Company, is married and has six children; Mary, who is the wife of Ellis Stout, a farmer in Luzerne county, has three children; Sarah, who is the wife of Robert Paden of Berwick, has six children; Lizzie is deceased.

Headley Sult attended the public schools until old enough to go to work, followed lumbering for thirty years, and is now cultivating the farm in Briarcreek township, where he resides. In politics he is a Democrat, and for many years has been active in public matters in his township, serving as a school director and for eight years as supervisor, and for fourteen years he has been a justice of the peace.

Mr. Sult married Mary De Haven, a daughter of Benjamin De Haven, and she died May 19, 1909, survived by eight children: Charles L., residing in North Berwick, who married Olive Fisher and has two children; Minnie, who is the wife of Roy Foulk, a machinist, of North Berwick; Harvey I., with the American Car and Foundry Company, who married Alice Everett and has five children; Bertha, who is the wife of John Robey, an employee of the American Car and Foundry Company, and they have three children; Elmer; Sterling; Ethel, and Flora. For his second wife Mr. Sult married Ida Myers, of Nescopeck, Pa., daughter of Daniel Myers, a contractor and builder, and they have one daughter, Creola, who was born April 2, 1913. Mr. Sult and his family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ANDREW JACKSON EMMETT, a farmer of Hemlock township, Columbia Co., Pa., residing in Frosty Valley, was born on his present place Jan. 31, 1833, son of James Emmett, and a grandson of John Emmett.

John Emmett, born in Ireland, left his native land in young manhood, and coming to America settled in what later became Hemlock township, but was then included in Northumberland county. Here he bought 300 acres of land, upon which Frosty Valley was later built, and spent the remainder of his life in developing his property. One of the pioneers of this region, he did much to advance it, and when he died his community lost a good cit-

izen. His remains lie in the cemetery at Danville, Pa. His children were: Alexander, James, Mary E., Elizabeth, John and Samuel.

James Emmett, a son of John Emmett, was born in Columbia county, and developed into an agriculturist, owning 225 acres of land in Frosty Valley, a portion of which had belonged to the tract his father had bought years before. Devoting himself to his work, James Emmett made a success of it, and died a man of means. He married Christiana Reeser, who is also deceased, and they are buried in the Staub Church cemetery in Montour county. They had two children: Andrew J.; and Susanna, who married Simon Reichard, a well known agriculturist of Hemlock township.

Andrew J. Emmett, son of James Emmett, retains the original way of spelling the family name, although others have adopted that of Emmitt. He was reared on the homestead, which he later leased, coming into possession of it in 1870, upon the demise of his father. For the years following until 1902 Mr. Emmett operated this property, but then turned it over to his son, and is now living retired with the latter. The farm now contains 135 acres of the most fertile and valuable land in Frosty Valley. It bears the name of "The Frosty Valley Farm" and is recognized as a model estate, equipped with all modern machinery and appliances calculated to expedite the work of farming. The buildings are also modern in every respect, and the premises are kept in excellent order. Although Mr. Emmett takes no more responsibility with regard to his farm, he enjoys assisting in the work, and his advice is always taken, for he speaks from experience and with the authority which comes of successful endeavor.

Mr. Emmett married Sarah J. Crossley, a daughter of Joseph Crossley, who died July 23, 1906, and is interred in the cemetery at Staub Church. Mr. and Mrs. Emmett became the parents of the following children: DePew is deceased; Elenora is also deceased; John F., who is operating the homestead, married Ella Girton, a daughter of Hudson Girton, and their children are Bernice, Ethyl, Sarah and John F., Jr.; Wellington C., a farmer of Hemlock township, owning the old Ross farm of forty-one acres, married Mary Masteller, a daughter of William Masteller, and their children are Margaret and William; Martha is deceased.

Mr. Emmett is a Democrat and has held numerous township offices, including those of school director and auditor. The Lutheran Church holds his membership, and he has oc-



cupied all of its official positions. One of the oldest residents of the township, and belonging to an honored family, Mr. Emmett stands very high in his community, where he has lived up to his convictions and tried to influence others for good.

ALFRED FOWLER McCOLLUM, of Bloomsburg, experimental and mechanical engineer at the Magee Carpet Company's works, was born Dec. 29, 1868, at Espy, Columbia Co., Pa. He was educated in the schools of the town, and leaving school in 1885 began the study of telegraphy with F. H. Rogers, in the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad office at Espy. He worked on that road as relief operator for two years and then opened the Lime Ridge depot as station agent, remaining there for one year. He next opened the Archbald (Pa.) station on the Ontario & Western railroad, remaining with that company four years. Following that experience he went to Kingston, Pa., for the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, as night clerk, was made day clerk there under R. R. Vaughn, and later became chief clerk of the office. Being transferred to Lackawanna, Pa., he continued there as agent for five years, but seeing that there was no opportunity for further advancement he determined to change his occupation. He accordingly obtained a position as weaver in the Magee Carpet Mills at Bloomsburg, upon the recommendation of E. B. Pursel, of Espy. After working two years as weaver he invented a velvet cutter, and was appointed experimental and mechanical engineer of the works. He stands high in the mechanical field in Bloomsburg, being frequently consulted on difficult mechanical problems.

Mr. McCollum married Louise, daughter of Benjamin L. and Elizabeth (Pott) Eshleman, and to this union were born the following children: Elizabeth, Oct. 7, 1891; Martha, July 22, 1894; and Catherine, Dec. 30, 1901. Mr. McCollum is independent in politics. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of Odd Fellows Lodge No. 681, at Espy, and Supreme Encampment, No. 215, at Espy; he belongs to the Y. M. C. A. of Philadelphia.

Mrs. McCollum was born at Port Carbon Oct. 30, 1867, and educated in the public schools of that town, finishing in the schools at Bloomsburg, whither her parents moved before she had completed her education. She remained at home until her marriage.

Benjamin L. Eshleman was born in 1827 at Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa., and edu-

cated in the schools of the town. When he attained his majority he became a coal operator on his own account at Ashland, Pa., living first at Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, and later moving to Ashland. He was a silent partner in the firm of Agard & Moody of that place. When the Civil war came on he enlisted at Port Carbon and served throughout the conflict. He was stationed at Norfolk, Va., as captain, and served as quartermaster on Governor Curtin's staff. Mr. Eshleman married Elizabeth Pott, the first white child born in Port Carbon, the year of her birth being 1830. They had fifteen children: Cora was the wife of C. W. Miller; Annie married Dr. O. P. Piper; Nort died in the Civil war; Laura became the wife of H. R. King; Ellie, wife of F. H. Rogers; Ada, wife of F. N. Turner; Harry G. married Lilly Wolf; Benjamin married Belle Jacobs; Elizabeth married William B. Pursel; Edith married S. F. Peacock; Louise married A. F. McCollum; Abram married Amanda ———; Edwin married Anna Powell; Emma K. and Sarah M. died young. Mr. Eshleman was an active member of the Republican party, a trustee of the Presbyterian Church, member of the G. A. R. at Port Carbon, and of the Masonic blue lodge at Pottsville.

Mrs. Eshleman's father, Abram Pott, had the honor of naming the town of Port Carbon, port as it was a place for boats, and carbon because of the coal deposits thereabouts. He married Elizabeth Christian, and their children were: Samuel, who married A. Deyo; Elizabeth, wife of B. L. Eshleman; Emma, wife of Joseph Seligman; Jack; Burd; Abram, and William.

CHARLES W. SNYDER, a contracting painter of Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in Franklin township, same county, Aug. 11, 1868, son of Jacob Snyder and grandson of Nicholas Snyder.

Nicholas Snyder was a farmer of Columbia county, owning land in Franklin township, where he died. His children were: William, Amos, Thomas, Jacob, Barbara and Lessie.

Jacob Snyder, son of Nicholas Snyder, was born in Columbia county and followed farming here. His death occurred on his farm when he was forty-three years old, and he is buried at Mifflinville, Pa. Jacob Snyder married Margaret Parr, who died in Columbia county and is buried at Catawissa. Their children were: Jennie, Elizabeth, George and Charles W.

Charles W. Snyder attended the local

schools until he was twelve years old, when he had the misfortune to lose his father and was turned over to strangers at Mifflinville, Pa. The lad worked on a farm for four years, and then began learning the painter's trade at Catawissa, and by 1897 was able to go into business for himself, since which time he has executed some of the largest contracts in his line of business in the locality, including the painting of the East Bloomsburg river bridge, the Catawissa river bridge (for which he had three contracts), the Mifflinville bridge and the North street river bridge at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. In addition he does nearly all of the house painting in his district, and employs from three to eight assistants, according to the season.

Mr. Snyder married Jennie Bucher, a daughter of John Bucher, and they have had two children, a daughter who died in infancy, and Euphemia, who is attending the local high school. Politically Mr. Snyder is a Democrat. The Methodist Church holds his membership. A man of careful methods and thoroughly competent, he naturally controls the local business in his line, meeting little competition.

**WILLIAM MASTELLER**, a retired farmer of Hemlock township, Columbia county, was born in that county Feb. 19, 1829, son of Daniel Masteller. The paternal grandfather was an early settler of Columbia county, where he died. He had these children: Daniel, Jonathan, George, Elizabeth and Kate.

Daniel Masteller was born Oct. 14, 1795, and died Dec. 16, 1860. He spent his life in Columbia county, where he was born and reared, and was engaged in farming in Madison township where he owned a farm. He married Elizabeth Shultz, born Aug. 2, 1801, who died Nov. 9, 1886, aged eighty-five years, three months, seven days. With her husband she is buried at New Columbia, Pa. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith, while the Democratic ticket always secured his vote and support. The children of Daniel Masteller were: John, who died in the vicinity of Milton, Pa.; Mary, who married Peter Crossley; William; Rebecca, who married Levi Wright; Margaret, who married Hiram Crumley; Sarah, who married Elijah Crumley; Jane, who married Elias Reichard; and Paul, who is a resident of West Hemlock township, Montour county, Pennsylvania.

William Masteller, son of Daniel Masteller, attended the pay schools of his day, and with

his father operated the homestead until he was twenty-five years old. At that time Mr. Masteller began farming for himself in Derry township, Montour county, for one year, later going to Dutch Hill, near Heller's Church in Madison township, and for thirty-five years operated the large farm he there owned. Leaving this property, on March 31, 1891, he located on his present farm in Hemlock township, at what was then Vanderlier bridge, but is now known as Masteller's bridge. This bridge is built over Fishing creek. Mr. Masteller bought 100 acres of land at this point, but in 1900 retired, his son Harvey assuming charge of the farm. He is a member of the Reformed Church at Dutch Hill, and has been one of its active workers for a number of years. Politically he is a Democrat, for twelve years served as a school director, and for many years was an overseer of the poor.

On March 1, 1854, Mr. Masteller was married to Sarah A. Heller, a daughter of John and Mary (Reichard) Heller, the former born Jan. 30, 1792, died June 22, 1862, aged seventy-six years, four months, twenty-two days; while the latter was born Sept. 19, 1802, and died Sept. 8, 1875, aged seventy-two years, eleven months, nineteen days. Mr. and Mrs. Masteller have had children as follows: Wellington, who is deceased; Harvey, who is operating the homestead; George, who is living in Madison township; Warren, who is also living in Madison township; William Claud, who is a clerk of Bloomsburg; Eva, who married E. Ross Kester and lives at Buckhorn; Mary, who married Wellington Emmitt; Emma, who died in childhood; and Luther, who died in childhood. Mr. Masteller is one of the oldest men residing in Hemlock township, and is held in highest esteem by the many who have the honor of his acquaintance.

**EDWIN B. GUIE**, of Catawissa, a retired paper manufacturer, now serving as a justice of the peace, was born in Chester county, Pa., in July, 1836, son of James Guie.

James Guie, who was born in Pennsylvania, became a skilled papermaker, performing his work by hand in the old way. Eventually he erected a mill near Downingtown, Chester Co., Pa., where he embarked in the manufacture of paper under the name of James Guie & Sons, thus continuing until his death, at the age of eighty-five years, having succeeded beyond the ordinary. His two sons Richard and Adolphus continue to conduct this mill, manufacturing heavy wrapping paper.

James Guie married Harriet A. Beckling, a

daughter of Richard Beckling. The Beckling family is numbered among the pioneer manufacturers of paper in this country, producing it as early as the Revolutionary war, in a plant located near Philadelphia. James Guie and his wife became the parents of the following children: Edwin B., Richard, Adolphus, James (deceased), Gertrude, Emma and William (who is deceased).

Edwin B. Guie was sent to the public schools of his home locality and also to the academy at Norristown, Pa., following which he learned the paper manufacturing business, becoming an expert in his line. During 1868 Mr. Guie located at Catawissa, leasing the paper mill at that time owned by William McKelvy, and for eleven years conducted it. Then he was associated with the McCreadys, and later was made superintendent of their mill, until it was discontinued. A Republican, Mr. Guie was elected a justice of the peace, and is now serving his second term as such. For nine years he was an efficient school director, and for six years earnestly represented his ward in the borough council. The Lutheran Church holds his membership and benefits by his generosity. Fraternally Mr. Guie belongs to the K. G. E. In addition to his duties as justice of the peace he conducts a coal business, and owns his home at Catawissa, which was formerly the old Paxton homestead.

Edwin B. Guie married Zeruiiah C. Beaver, a daughter of Heister and Hannah Beaver of Chester county, Pa. Mrs. Guie died in 1909, the mother of children as follows: Enola B. is a teacher in the Wilkes-Barre high school; Claudia B. is a teacher in the Norristown high school; Edward Heister, who is an attorney at Seattle, Wash., was a member of the State Assembly of Washington, and was speaker of the House for one term; Z. B. is deceased; James E. is in partnership with his brother Edward H.; two sons died in infancy.

CHARLES F. DERR, farmer, of Greenwood township, is a member of an old Columbia county family, being a son of George W. Derr and a grandson of Iram Derr. His great-grandparents were James and Nancy (Kitchen) Derr, the former born in what is now Anthony township, Montour Co., Pa.; he died in Tennessee. The latter was born in Madison township, Columbia county, daughter of William Kitchen, a native of New Jersey. The Derrs are of German extraction.

Iram Derr was born June 4, 1811, in Madison township, and passed all his early life there, learning the trade of chairmaker, at

which he served a five years' apprenticeship. In 1831 he moved to Orangeville, where he bought a dwelling and followed his trade until 1836. He was then elected constable of Bloom township and served two years in that office. In 1838 he moved to Rohrsburg, where he was engaged in hotelkeeping until 1841. At that time he settled in Jackson township, locating on Little Fishing creek, where he built a sawmill. He continued to be actively associated with public affairs, and in 1843 was elected sheriff of Columbia county, moving to Danville, where he took office, and living there until 1848. Returning to his mill, he remained there a few years longer, in 1853 moving to Jackson township, to a farm which was already well improved, though he later put up some new buildings. This place contained 116 acres, besides which Mr. Derr acquired ownership of 558 acres in Jackson township and one hundred in Greenwood township. In 1853 Mr. Derr was elected county commissioner, serving until 1856. He was a justice of the peace, and served two terms as associate judge, being first elected in 1866 and reelected in 1871. After completing his second term in the latter office he retired from public life. He was a Democrat, and in religious connection a member of the Church of Christ, which he joined in 1857. All of his family except John F. united with that church.

On Oct. 26, 1831, Judge Derr married Leah Welliver, daughter of Joseph Welliver, and she died Feb. 16, 1874, the mother of nine children, namely: John F., George W., Nancy K., Andrew J., Frank, Mary W., Calvin, James D. and Effie. On Aug. 29, 1876, Mr. Derr married (second) Mrs. Elizabeth C. (Lunger) Watts.

George W. Derr, son of Iram, was born July 4, 1834, at Orangeville, Columbia county, and lived at home until his marriage. He and his wife then lived at Iram Derr's sawmill until 1860, and in 1861 moved to the farm in Greenwood township which he has since occupied. In 1882 Mr. Derr was elected jury commissioner, serving as such for six years, and he served ten years as township supervisor. He is at present serving as court crier. In politics he has always been a Democrat. On Oct. 30, 1856, Mr. Derr married Lucinda Robbins, daughter of William Robbins, of Greenwood township, Columbia county, and three children were born to this union, one son and two daughters: Emma Jane, who died when two years old; a son that died in infancy; and Leah C., who married Harvey W. Hess, a farmer, of Benton township, and has

had three children, two sons and one daughter. On Oct. 18, 1866, Mr. Derr married (second) Elizabeth F. Lawton, daughter of William G. Lawton, of Greenwood township, who came from England when sixteen years old, and lived to be eighty. Mr. and Mrs. Derr have had two children: Sarah A., born Dec. 26, 1867, who lives at home; and Charles F. Mr. Derr is a member of the Christian Church.

Charles F. Derr was born June 17, 1876, on the old homestead in Greenwood township, where he was reared, acquiring his education in the local schools. Trained to farming from boyhood, he has always made agriculture his chief occupation, and except for five years when he was engaged in lumbering has been working at the place where he was born. For sixteen years Mr. Derr increased his income very materially by threshing, owning and operating a traction thresher. His business ability and integrity have been given substantial recognition by his fellow citizens. He has been chosen to serve his township as school director two terms, and has held the responsible office of county auditor one term. In fact, he is a typical representative of a family whose capable services have made them desirable officials in whatever community their lots have been cast.

On Dec. 23, 1896, Mr. Derr was married to Sarah Davis, daughter of Diemer and Elizabeth Davis, of Greenwood township, who had a family of five children: Mary A., Mrs. Amos Neyhard, is a resident of Dunmore, Pa.; Lee, a builder, of Millville, married Laura Heacock and has one child, a son; Jennie is the wife of Charles Everhart, a baker, and they have one child, Earl; George, of Benton township, Columbia county, married Eva Kline, and they have one daughter, Rena Beryl; Sarah is the wife of Charles F. Derr. The father of this family was born July 23, 1837. The mother died in February, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Derr have one child, George Deemer, born June 11, 1898, who is attending school. The family attend the Christian Church.

**GEORGE H. EVERT**, a farmer of Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, was born in that township, Nov. 24, 1847, son of Gabriel Evert and grandson of Peter Evert.

Peter Evert was a native of Northampton county, Pa., moved to Montour county with his family, and locating in the vicinity of the Dutch Hill Church, bought a farm there, and in conjunction with operating it conducted a

general stonemason business. All of the old stone houses in this neighborhood are accredited to him, although he went to his old home in Northampton county prior to his death, and there passed away. He married Mary Elizabeth Gutner, and their children were: Noah, Peter, Jacob, Joseph, Hiram, Gabriel, Mary, Susan, Katie, Elizabeth, and Crissie, and another whose name is not given.

Gabriel Evert, son of Peter Evert, was born in Montour county after the family migration to that section, and there he learned and followed the carpenter's trade, erecting the greater number of the buildings in that vicinity. His death occurred in Mount Pleasant township, when he was fifty-six years, seven months old. His wife bore the maiden name of Rebecca A. Vance, she being a daughter of Thomas Vance. The children of Gabriel Evert and his wife were: Alfred, George H., Mattie E. and Vance. Mr. and Mrs. Evert are buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Millerstown.

George H. Evert grew up in his native township and not only was given the advantages offered by the public schools, but was also sent to Orangeville academy, and following the completion of his studies taught school for three terms in Mount Pleasant township, during the winter months, and worked at the carpenter's trade in the summer. The demand for his work growing, he confined all his attention to his trade for twenty-eight years, and built nearly all the structures put up in his township, as well as in adjoining ones. Desiring to make a change in his work, Mr. Evert bought a farm of seventy-six acres, which he operated until 1908, when he practically retired, turning the active participation in the work over to his youngest son, Boyd. Mr. Evert built himself a house, in which he now resides, and is enjoying himself as he never had opportunity before.

Mr. Evert married Rebecca Oman, a daughter of George and Catherine (Fowler) Oman, and they have had children as follows: Wilson A., who resides at Montoursville; Ira, who resides at Philadelphia; George, who resides in Mount Pleasant township; Maggie, who married C. H. Weaver; and Boyd, who is conducting the homestead. Mr. Evert is a Democrat, has served very acceptably and creditably as a school director, and is now township auditor and clerk of the election board. The Methodist Church holds his membership, and he is serving it as class leader and trustee, while for years he has been an important factor in Sunday school work, teaching in that

body, and acting as superintendent. For the last thirty-six years he has been an Odd Fellow, being connected with Orangeville Lodge, No. 364. Few men stand higher in public estimation than Mr. Evert, for he possesses those qualities which endear a man to his fellow citizens, sterling honesty and uprightness of purpose.

On his mother's side Mr. Evert is connected with one of the most representative families in this neighborhood, founded here by George Vance, one of the substantial men of his day. George Vance was born in Ireland, but coming to the United States in young manhood located at Bloomsburg, where he assisted in building up its commercial and industrial prestige. He owned the land upon which the present city hall stands, and cleared land on what is now East street. In religion he was an Episcopalian, and one of the founders of the church of that organization in Bloomsburg. A well read man for his day, he naturally was given leadership among his associates, and wielded his influence wisely and generously. Living to be ninety-three years old, he died full of honors, and was interred in McHenry cemetery in Orange township. His children were: Sarah, James, Martha and John.

OSCAR P. KOSTENBAUDER, proprietor of a meat market at Catawissa, Pa., was born in Franklin township, Columbia Co., Pa., Nov. 25, 1870, son of Owen D. L. Kostenbauder, and grandson of Jacob Kostenbauder.

Jacob Kostenbauder, great-grandfather of Oscar P. Kostenbauder, came from his home in Berks county, Pa., to Columbia county at a very early day, locating at Mainville, Pa., where he died, his remains being laid to rest in the little cemetery at that place. His children were: Jacob; Samuel; Daniel; David, who died young; Polly, who married Isaac Yetter; Nancy, who married Peter Kline; Lucy, Mrs. Lockard; and Mrs. Stewart.

Jacob Kostenbauder was a farmer of Main township, who married Margaret Knittle, of Franklin township, a daughter of Daniel Knittle. The children of Jacob Kostenbauder were: Harriet, who married Marshall Henderschott; Charity, who married David Walburn; Owen D. L.; Jane, married to Dr. S. D. Sutliff; Jeremiah; William E., who died at Williamsport, Pa.; Clara, who married Lambert Camp; Emma, who married Rugless McHenry; and Charles, deceased.

Owen D. L. Kostenbauder, son of Jacob, was born in Franklin township, Columbia Co.,

Pa., Aug. 28, 1845, and became a farmer. In 1889 he came to Catawissa township, and until April, 1896, he conducted a flourishing butchering business at Catawissa. At present he is serving as assessor of Catawissa, as street commissioner, and has been a member of the borough council. He married Sarah E. Hoagland, a daughter of Jonathan J. Hoagland, and they have had children as follows: Oscar P.; Marshall J., who lives at Fortyfort, Luzerne Co., Pa.; William L., who resides at Luzerne, Pa.; Mark W., a resident of Philadelphia; Jessie, who resides at Berwick, Pa.; Owen D. L., Jr., who resides at Catawissa, Pa.; Kersey C., who also lives at Fortyfort, Pa.; and Sarah E., who is at home.

Oscar P. Kostenbauder attended the local schools of his neighborhood, and remained with his father, assisting him in the butchering business, until 1896, when he began operating for himself along the same line. Mr. Kostenbauder built his shop on Main street at Catawissa, near the "Catawissa Hotel," and here he conducts a thoroughly modern butchering business, enjoying a large and paying trade.

Mr. Kostenbauder married Ida M. Allbrighton, a daughter of Samuel and Emily A. (Evans) Allbrighton. Mr. Kostenbauder belongs to Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Catawissa Royal Arch Chapter, No. 178; Mount Moriah Council, No. 10, of Bloomsburg, of which he is T. I. M.; Caldwell Consistory (thirty-second degree); and Irem Temple, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and to the K. G. E. A consistent member of the Methodist Church, Mr. Kostenbauder is serving as a trustee. Politically he is a Republican, but has not had the time for public life.

DAVID C. SHOEMAKER, of Millville, now engaged as a builder, has been associated with business interests at that place for many years. During his long experience in the planing mill he had opportunities for familiarizing himself with building materials which have been valuable to him in his present line, and his reliability and skill are appreciated in the vicinity where he has worked practically all his life.

Mr. Shoemaker was born in Greenwood township, March 19, 1840, one of the six children of Philip and Sarah (Albertson) Shoemaker, viz.: Maria Iola married Emanuel Bogaert, who is now deceased, and seven children were born to them, two sons and five daughters; Elijah, deceased, who was a resident of Pine township, married Leah Long and (sec-

ond) Samantha Schultz, and had children by both wives, two sons and two daughters by the first, and one son and two daughters by the second; David C. is next in the family; Elizabeth married Richard Witmire, a farmer of Pine township, and they had three sons and three daughters; Emeline married Abraham Titman, of Pine township, who is a lumberman, and they have one son; Abraham died in youth.

David C. Shoemaker had a good common school education, attending Millville Academy. Entering the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, he remained with that concern for sixteen years, afterwards taking a position in the planing mill at Millville, with which he was connected for seventeen years. For a number of years past he has given his attention to building, and by his conscientious fulfillment of all the work he undertakes has established a local patronage which keeps him constantly busy.

During the Civil war Mr. Shoemaker gave faithful support to the Union cause, enlisting in September, 1864, in the 98th New York Volunteer Infantry, as a member of Company A, under Captain Stoutenburg. He received his honorable discharge at Washington in June, 1865.

Mr. Shoemaker was married Oct. 28, 1861, to Euranah C. Barclay, of Jerseytown, Columbia county, daughter of James Barclay, a farmer, whose family consisted of four children. After Mr. Barclay's death his widow married (second) Valentine Welliver. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker: George, of Berwick, engaged in merchandising, married Clara Perry, and they have had three children, Tenny, Frank and Helen; Frank died when five years old; Harry J., who is in the livery business at Bloomsburg, married Ada Stadler, and their children are Eva and Marion; Will, who is engaged with his brother Harry at Bloomsburg, married Margaret Kreamer (they are rearing an adopted son, David Kreamer Shoemaker). The Shoemakers attend the Methodist Church at Millville.

HENRY GOTSHALL, a retired farmer, of Catawissa, Columbia county, was born at Seven Points, Northumberland Co., Pa., Feb. 4, 1842, and is a son of Philip and Rebecca (Yeager) Gotshall.

Philip Gotshall was a farmer. He resided in Mahanoy valley and later at Seven Points, Northumberland Co., Pa., moving afterwards to Danville, and then to Catawissa township,

Columbia county, in which latter place he purchased a farm. After some residence here he went to Esther Furnace, there continuing to farm, and next removed to Ashland, Schuylkill Co., Pa. He was killed by a passenger train at Derby, near Philadelphia, when in his eightieth year, and his remains were interred at Ashland. His children were as follows: Henry; Jonathan, living in Catawissa township; Jeremiah, deceased; Adam, residing in Philadelphia; Lovina, wife of Charles Gorman; Catherine, wife of John Scott; Emma, wife of Lloyd Fahringer; and William, living in Lansford, Pennsylvania.

Henry Gotshall did farm work from youth, and when he was twenty-one he began farming for himself in Locust township, later buying a tract of 125 acres in Franklin township, which he farmed for twenty-three years. In 1908 he came to Catawissa, and has resided there ever since, his home being located on Mill street. He married Mercy Kostenbauder, daughter of Daniel and Frances (Clingerman) Kostenbauder, and children as follows have been born to this union: Andrew C.; Frances E.; Mary, wife of F. Werthley; Mercy E., a graduate of Bloomsburg State Normal, now teaching; H. O., of Bloomsburg; Lillian, wife of Rev. M. M. Dry, a Lutheran minister; and Samuel D., cultivating his father's farm in Franklin township.

Mr. Gotshall is a veteran of the Civil war, having served in Company A, 6th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, for three years. In politics he is a Republican, and he has served as township supervisor and school director. He is an active member of the Methodist Church and has filled all the offices in the gift of the congregation.

GEORGE S. LEE, of Jerseytown, Madison township, Columbia county, who is now serving his third term as justice of the peace, was born in Catawissa, same county, Dec. 30, 1839, and is a son of Daniel and Rebecca (Stambach) Lee. His great-grandfather was Scotch-Irish. His grandfather died when his children, Jonathan and Daniel, were quiet small. Jonathan Lee married and went to Michigan, he and his wife driving a cow to their new home, and nothing was ever heard of them afterwards.

Daniel Lee, father of George S., settled in Catawissa, Columbia county. He was a harnessmaker, following the trade during the summer and teaching school in the winter. He died Sept. 21, 1890, aged seventy-six years, seven months, fourteen days, and was buried

in Jerseytown cemetery. His wife rests in the old Friends burying ground, at Catawissa. They had these children: George S.; Stephen B.; Martha A., wife of J. Reiswick (they went to Iowa); Nolan B., a printer; William J., deceased; Raymond D., killed in a fight with Indians at White Bird Creek, Idaho, June 17, 1877; Mary A., who became the wife of Benjamin Steiner, and died at Bloomsburg; and John P., who died in Jerseytown and is buried there.

George S. Lee left Catawissa when he was eight years of age. He received a common school education, and during youth worked on a farm for his board and clothes, and learned the trade of carriage ironing with Sloan & Sons at Bloomsburg. He then served a time with Samuel Thomas at horseshoeing, and when the Civil war began enlisted in November, 1861, and went to the front. He served four years and two months, and was honorably discharged. In December, 1866, he married, and in the spring of 1867 moved to Jerseytown, where he has resided ever since. Politically he is a Democrat, and is now serving in his third term (five years each) as justice of the peace. Mr. Lee dug and transplanted the dogwood and maple trees from the hills at Irondale to the grounds which surrounded the old courthouse before its remodeling. He is a member of the Methodist Church, which he has served for years as trustee and steward.

Mr. Lee and his wife have had five children: Cora E., wife of A. Hartman, residing at Fernville, opposite Bloomsburg; Eleanor R., wife of C. E. Kelchner, of Bloomsburg; Robert A., living in Bloomsburg; Frank L., living in Bloomsburg; and Lula M., wife of Charles Hartline.

EDWARD J. BROWN, of Bloomsburg, a thrifty citizen of that borough, was born in Prince Georges county, Md., near Washington, D. C., Nov. 8, 1860, son of Reison H. and Mary (Anderson) Brown.

Reison H. Brown was also born in Maryland, and worked as a carpenter, and died there in August, 1911. He and his wife had the following family: Frank A. (who is deceased), James E., Mary E., Emma E. and Edward J.

Edward J. Brown grew up in his native place and received a common school education. During his younger days he did farm work, but later engaged in railroading, and when he came to Bloomsburg, Pa., in 1882, found employment as a machinist with the American

Car and Foundry Company, with whom he remained for a period of two years. For the two years following he was a watchman for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. During the next five years Mr. Brown was engaged in the dairy business, and in 1893 embarked upon a new enterprise, the growing of strawberries, at Market and Ninth streets. He has three acres of land set out with the plants, which he cultivates according to the most modern ideas, and he gathers as many as 15,000 baskets a season, selling the greater part of his product to the local trade. In 1893 also Mr. Brown took the contract to sprinkle the streets of Bloomsburg, and has done such satisfactory work that he has held it ever since, carrying out the provisions of his agreement with conscientious fidelity. His present comfortable residence at Market and Ninth streets was built by him in 1898.

Mr. Brown married Maggie E. Ferguson, a daughter of James and Lydia (Shultz) Ferguson, and their children are: Edward H., Clinton T., James W., Clyde F. and Benjamin C. Politically Mr. Brown is a Democrat, and in religious belief a Methodist. He is a hard-working man, and has won his present prosperity through his own unaided efforts.

JONAH H. TOWNSEND, a farmer of Scott township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in Hemlock township, same county, Aug. 16, 1842, son of Sampson Townsend. His paternal grandfather was a native of England and never left that country. He had a large family, among whom were: Joseph, John and Sampson. Of these, Joseph Townsend became the father of John R. Townsend, the successful Bloomsburg merchant.

Sampson Townsend was born in Gloucestershire, England, and when nineteen years old came to the United States on the sailing vessel "William Alburne," the voyage consuming nine weeks and three days. Landing at Philadelphia, he proceeded from there to Columbia county, Pa., locating in Hemlock township. One year afterwards he learned that the ship upon which he had made his passage was lost at sea. For a time after coming to Hemlock township he worked there as a miner, until 1856, later moving to Irondale, where he became superintendent at the Irondale furnace, and so continuing for twenty-eight years and four months. At the expiration of this long period of service he went to Light Street, where he lived retired at his residence, owning his home in addition to two farms in Scott township. His death occurred in 1906, when

he was eighty years old. He is buried at Light Street. Sampson Townsend married Priscilla Lannan, who was born in the State of New Jersey, and they had eight children, six dying in childhood. The others were Jonah H. and Harry L., of Light Street.

Jonah H. Townsend was engaged in the mines and on the Pennsylvania canal until 1861, when he began learning carriagemaking with the Sloans at Bloomsburg, where he remained until 1868. In that year he began farming in Scott township, and has continued thus to the present day, having ninety acres of valuable land adjoining the town of Light Street. He makes a specialty of dairying, having a fine Jersey herd and selling his milk to the Bloomsburg State Normal School.

Jonah H. Townsend married Mary Price, a daughter of John and Julia (Dietrich) Price, and their children are: Harry A., who is at home; Charles P., who is in Chicago; and Bessie, at home. Mr. Townsend is an independent voter, and has served as supervisor of Scott township. The Methodist Church holds his membership and benefits by his generosity. Formerly he belonged to the Odd Fellows, but is no longer connected with that order.

When Pennsylvania was invaded during the Civil war, Mr. Townsend enlisted in Company F, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served as one of the emergency men.

The Townsend farm is one of the most thoroughly modern in all of Columbia county, and Mr. Townsend takes great pride in keeping it in this condition. Understanding his work thoroughly, he has made a success of his business and is numbered among the leading agriculturists of his neighborhood.

ADAM SMITH, a leading insurance man of Berwick and one of the enterprising citizens of that prosperous town, was born near Troxelville, Snyder Co., Pa., June 12, 1855. He is a son of John D. Smith, and grandson of Adam Smith, and a descendant of one of the pioneer families of this State.

Adam Smith, the elder, was a native of Lancaster county, Pa., where the family were among the first settlers. He was a Lutheran in religious belief and very broad-minded in politics. His children were: Henry, Adam, Daniel, George, Isaac, John D., Sarah and Delilah.

John D. Smith was born in Snyder county, Pa., Sept. 9, 1806, and died Sept. 8, 1856. He was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Annie Benner, who bore him two children, Robert and

Catherine. After her death he married Hannah Bubb, of Snyder county, and their children were: Susan, wife of James F. Keller; Sarah Jane; William; Joseph; Beneville, and Adam.

Adam Smith spent his childhood on the farm, attending the country schools until 1870. He then successively attended the schools at Freeburg, New Berlin, Kutztown (State Normal) and Selinsgrove. For several terms he taught school in various places, and in 1876 entered the employ of A. H. Bowersox, a general merchant of Beavertown, Snyder county. He then moved to Adamsburg, and for a number of years taught in the public and private schools of that town. He was elected justice of the peace and served acceptably in that office for eleven years. Then, in 1882, he entered into partnership with W. J. Klose, in Adamsburg, continuing thus until 1887, when the partnership was dissolved and he conducted the business alone until 1897. Selling out he removed to Berwick to enter the employ of the Berwick Store Company, with whom he was connected for six years, holding several important positions with marked ability. In 1903 he resigned to become resident agent of the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Philadelphia. Since then he has built up a large general insurance business, handling life, health, accident and fire insurance, and representing many well known companies. He is also engaged in insurance brokerage and is an insurance adjuster.

Mr. Smith was married in Snyder county, April 2, 1876, to Sue J. Klose, who was born March 12, 1856, daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Middlesworth) Klose, the latter a daughter of Hon. Ner B. Middlesworth, who represented his district in the State Legislature thirteen times, being sent from Union (later Snyder) county. Reuben Klose was a prominent citizen of Snyder county. Children as follows have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith: Minnie B., born Oct. 14, 1876, is the wife of Jacob Laub, now of Erie, Pa., special officer for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; Allen Edgar is mentioned below; Anna, born Jan. 22, 1885, is the wife of Clarence Herr, of Berwick, a bookkeeper in the general offices of the American Car and Foundry Company, and has one child, Mildred (Mr. Herr is prominent in musical work, being a member of the Berwick Band, instructor of the Nescopeck and Bloomsburg cornet bands, and organizer of the orchestra of the Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Sunday school);



Miriam V., born Nov. 22, 1888, and Carrie M., born July 30, 1892, are at home.

Mr. Smith has been a lifelong Republican, of advanced ideas, and has taken a deep interest in the politics and development of his city. One of its substantial citizens, he is always working to improve moral conditions in the community. He is a prominent member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and has filled all its offices, and has taken special interest in its financial situation, having given time, money and thought to placing it on a sound basis, with gratifying success. Mr. Smith was instrumental in organizing the Sunday school from which sprang Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of West Berwick.

Mr. Smith is a charter member of Adamsburg Lodge, No. 566, I. O. O. F., and was its first noble grand; he is also a member of the Brotherhood of the Odd Fellows, and is a past regent of Berwick Council, No. 1761, Royal Arcanum, which he is now serving as collector.

ALLEN EDGAR SMITH, who is connected with the sales department of the American Car and Foundry Company, was born Feb. 21, 1879, in Beaver Springs, Snyder Co., Pa., a son of Adam and Sue J. (Klose) Smith. He attended the schools of his native town, and when his parents came to Berwick entered the Berwick high school. He took a course of bookkeeping and stenography at night, while employed in the frame shop of the American Car and Foundry Company, a place he held for three and a half years. He then went to Cumberland, Md., where he entered the employ of the Union Lumber & Manufacturing Company, as stenographer and bookkeeper for a short period. He then returned to Berwick and entered the employ of his former employers, April 1, 1901, as stenographer and typist in the general office. He was promoted at various times, until he became connected with the sales department, and is now one of the local sales agents.

On Oct. 1, 1903, Mr. Smith was married to Jennie May Evans, a daughter of Oliver E. and Emma J. (Brooks) Evans, and they have had one child, Oliver Evans, born Sept. 17, 1911. Mr. Smith is independent in politics, and is a member of the Methodist Church; he is chairman of the membership committee of the Brotherhood Bible class in the Sunday school, which class has a membership of about three hundred and fifty.

THEODORE B. FOWLER, now living retired from active life at Berwick, was born

Aug. 15, 1847, son of Samuel and Caroline (Fowler) Fowler.

Mr. Fowler's paternal great-grandfather was an early settler in this section, coming when the Indians were still here. William Fowler, the grandfather, was a native of Luzerne county, Pa., and in an early day located in Columbia county, near Nescopeck, which is just over the line in Luzerne county, there buying land where he remained until his death.

Samuel Fowler, father of Theodore B. Fowler, was born Jan. 8, 1818, at Fowlerville, Columbia county, in the building that occupied what was afterwards the site of the Fowler store. For a number of years he lived with his parents on what is now the Michael Harter farm above Nescopeck. By trade he was a molder, and in 1840 he moved into Berwick, where for a long time he was in the employ of the Jackson Woodin Manufacturing Company, now the American Car and Foundry Company, as boss molder. He and his wife began housekeeping in the building situated on the northwest corner of West Front street and Euclid avenue, and later moved to the house he built above the Methodist Church (now the MacDonald property), living there until he purchased a farm of Jared Young. In 1852 he settled at the Fowler homestead, on Riverview street, where the rest of his long life was spent. For many years he farmed the property now owned by his sons, Theodore B. and Walter N., and daughter, Eudora (who married Frank H. Hagenbuck), a portion of which is now within the limits of Berwick, but for fifteen years before his death he lived retired. He all but completed his ninety-third year, dying Jan. 2, 1911, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery. Up to a few years previously he had enjoyed good health, and he was bedridden three months before his death. We quote from the *Berwick Enterprise* of Jan. 3, 1911: "Having been all his life a resident of Berwick and identified closely with the heads of Berwick's older families, his passing away takes from town one of the widely known and one of the most esteemed residents. For over half a century Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have lived at their present home and together have lived through the early days of the town and remember keenly the many interesting events connected with the history of the town. \* \* \* The couple have lived a remarkable life and last June commemorated the sixty-sixth anniversary of their marriage. Mrs. Fowler, who survives, possesses health and



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vitality that is even more remarkable than that of her husband and all her senses are keen and active despite her advanced age. It has been the pleasure of a reporter on more than one occasion to hear these old people tell of the earlier days of which none knew better. \* \* \* Industrious and of a retiring disposition, Mr. Fowler was interested in that which made for the town's advancement. He took a prominent interest in the Sons of Temperance in this section and his activities in this called him to other counties. In politics he took an active interest, but never accepted a public office. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fowler had the distinction of witnessing the destruction of both of Berwick's wooden bridges, the first in 1836 and second sixty-eight years afterward, in 1904. The shad fisheries, the famous salmon gorge, are among the many early incidents that were recalled by them. Mr. Fowler is survived by his wife, one brother, Wilson Fowler, of Hazleton, and two sons, Theodore and Walter, of town, also survive, as do the following grandchildren: Carrie, Theodore and Grace Hagenbuch, Sterling Fowler, Mrs. Carrie Baird, of Philadelphia; Myrna and Walter Samuel Fowler. Four great-grandchildren also survive: Caroline and Dorothy Baird; Theodore, Jr., and Helen Elizabeth Fowler."

On June 23, 1844, Mr. Fowler was married by Rev. Mr. Hand, a Presbyterian minister, to Caroline Fowler, who was born Oct. 15, 1828, in Columbia county, the only child of her parents, who were farming people. She now lives at the home of her son, Walter N., in Berwick. Like her husband, she is a member of the First M. E. Church. He was a Republican in politics. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler had three children, as above mentioned. The daughter, Eudora, married Frank H. Hagenbuch, a farmer, who owns large tracts in Centre township, and they have three children: Carrie, Theodore and Grace; they live in Salem township, Luzerne county.

Theodore B. Fowler worked on his father's farm and in the shops at Berwick, and during the latter part of his active life devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. He is a Republican in politics, and a prominent member of the M. E. Church, serving on the official board.

On Feb. 1, 1877, Mr. Fowler was married to Martha Harter, who was born March 28, 1852, daughter of John and Roxanna (Grover) Harter, and died Oct. 14, 1908. She is buried in Pine Grove cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler had two children: (1) Frank

H., born March 8, 1878, was drowned in the canal Aug. 1, 1890; (2) Sterling D., born June 15, 1881, died Nov. 19, 1912, in Columbia county. He was a graduate of State College and became a teacher in that institution, having the senior class in mechanical engineering. He married Mildred Garner, and had two children, Theodore Garner and Helen Elizabeth.

On March 25, 1914, Mr. Fowler married (second) Mrs. Louise Jeannette (Gordon) Fielding, of Berwick, who was born March 15, 1860, in Rochdale, Lancashire, England, daughter of William and Caroline (Martin) Gordon. William Gordon was superintendent of a brass foundry (for his brother) in England. Mrs. Fowler was first married, in England, to William J. Fielding, from Lancashire, and their son, Wilfred G., was born in that country Sept. 18, 1881, coming to America with his parents thirty-two years ago, Nov. 5, 1882. Arriving at New York, they proceeded to Warren, Pa., and for a time lived at Milton, Pa. They had two children: Frank, who died when three and a half months old; and Wilfred G., who married Ellen K. Shuman, of Berwick, and has one son, Wilfred G., Jr.

GEORGE MOWERY, a farmer of Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in that township Dec. 26, 1839, a son of John and Debbie (Schlosser) Mowery. His grandfather was one of the early settlers of Columbia county.

John Mowery was born in Mifflin township and was a farmer there all his life, dying at the age of eighty-five years, in 1896. His wife was born at Nescopeck township, Luzerne Co., Pa., daughter of one of the pioneers of the county, and her death occurred in 1900. Three children were born to John Mowery and wife: George; John, who resides in Mifflin township; and Jane, who is the wife of John Leam, of Nescopeck.

George Mowery, son of John Mowery, with his brother and sister was educated in the schools of Mifflin township, attending the old log schoolhouse remembered by the older people of this locality. When still a boy he began working on his father's farm, and he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life. During the Civil war George Mowery enlisted in 1862 for service in the Union army, joining Company H, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Price and Colonel Johnson of Philadelphia, and Lieutenant Colonel Wymer. He served almost a year,

taking part in some skirmishes, and was discharged at Harrisburg, Pa., returning home. For the past twelve years Mr. Mowery has resided at his present location, owning his property, and is closely identified with all matters looking to the good of his community.

In 1863 George Mowery was married to Sophia Bower, born in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, daughter of Solomon Bower and his wife, whose maiden name was Evans, early settlers of this section, who were farming people. Mr. and Mrs. Mowery have become the parents of the following children: William, who is a resident of Mifflin township; Reuben, a resident of Hetlerville, Columbia county; Anna, living at Berwick, Pa.; Dora, who is the wife of H. A. Roots, of Berwick, Pa.; and three deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mowery belong to the Lutheran Church.

HIESTER V. HOWER, M. D., for over twenty-five years a physician and surgeon, of Mifflinville, Columbia Co., Pa., was born near Bloomsburg, same county, Oct. 31, 1863, son of Jackson and Rebecca (Vanderslyce) Hower.

John Hower, grandfather of Dr. Hower, was of German ancestry, and one of the earlier settlers of Columbia county, where he carried on farming during his younger days, dying at Bloomsburg.

Jackson Hower, son of John Hower, and father of Dr. Hower, was a plasterer by trade and became an extensive contractor in that county. He spent his life in Columbia county, where he was born, and died at Bloomsburg in 1894. His wife was a daughter of John Hiester Vanderslyce, and on the maternal side was a member of the Hiester family that gave a governor to Pennsylvania. Mrs. Jackson Hower died in 1904 at the home of her son, Dr. Hower. Jackson Hower gave his country patriotic service throughout the Civil war. He and his wife had six children: John is deceased; Catherine married Dr. Jacob Kisner, of Carlisle, Pa.; Charles is a resident of Bloomsburg; Elizabeth married Dr. C. B. McClure, formerly of Berwick, Pa.; Henry is a resident of Bloomsburg; Hiester V. completes the family.

Hiester V. Hower, son of Jackson Hower, obtained his literary education in the public schools of Bloomsburg and its excellent normal school, being graduated from the latter institution in 1881. For four years he taught school in Luzerne county, Pa., and then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore, Md., where he took his medical

course, being graduated therefrom in 1887. For some time following Dr. Hower was associated with Dr. Kisner, of Carlisle, and then coming to Mifflinville established himself in general practice, which he continued for twenty-five years. His practice extended over a wide area, his skill being generally recognized. He is now at Scranton, devoting his time to private hospital work.

In 1888 Dr. Hower was married to Dora Drum, of Conyngham, Pa., a daughter of George W. Drum, who now resides at Conyngham; his wife, who was a Wagner, is deceased. Mr. Drum is one of the prominent residents of his town, where he has held numerous public offices, including that of justice of the peace, in which he has served for over fifty years, being one of the oldest justices in length of service in Pennsylvania. At one time he served in the State Assembly, and has always been a leader in important matters. Dr. and Mrs. Hower have no children. He is a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge and Consistory at Bloomsburg, and the Mystic Shrine at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and is also a member of the P. O. S. of A. Camp at Mifflinville, which he has served as treasurer for the last fifteen years. Professionally he belongs to the Columbia County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. No measure of moment came up at Mifflinville during his residence there that Dr. Hower did not give his encouragement to it, and it was mainly through his efforts that the river bridge at Mifflinville, one of the finest of its kind in the State, was erected. He is a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Bloomsburg, and in addition to other interests owned his residence, one of the most beautiful homes in that part of the county.

JOHN F. ELLIOTT, a farmer of Limestone township, Montour county, was born on the old Elliott homestead in Anthony township, that county, March 29, 1875, son of Samuel Elliott.

Samuel Elliott, the father, was born in Anthony township, where the family has long been established. He is now (1913) seventy-three years of age. He has always followed lumbering and farming, and is a highly esteemed citizen of his locality, where his upright and industrious life has won him universal respect. He married Mary Probst, who was born on the old Probst homestead, daughter of George and Rebecca Probst, and is now sixty-two years old. Both her parents belonged to old Anthony township families.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott have had two sons, John F. and Lorenda, the latter living on the homestead.

John F. Elliott was given good advantages at the public schools, and after leaving school remained at home and farmed with his father until twenty-six years old. He then began to follow agricultural pursuits on his own account, and after twelve years moved to Limestone township, in April, 1913, having bought the farm he is now operating. In addition to general farming he is interested in stock raising, and by intelligent application of modern methods to the requirements of his property he is making a thorough success of his work. He is a representative of a good family, and is keeping to the standards by which he was raised.

Mr. Elliott married Ida Derr, who was born Dec. 28, 1875, in Limestone township, daughter of Thomas and Effa (Schuyler) Derr, and they have had seven children: Margaret (who is now thirteen years old), Catherine, George, Effie, Dorothy, Milan and Ruth.

In political matters Mr. Elliott has associated with the Democratic party. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

EDGAR E. KLINE, who has farming interests in Greenwood township, Columbia county, is operating the place formerly owned by his father, Ira Kline. The latter was born in Fishingcreek township, Columbia county, learned the tailor's trade, and followed it for some years, later owning and working the farm property in Greenwood township, now carried on by his son Edgar. He is a veteran of the Civil war, having served in the 142d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He was honorably discharged at Harrisburg, Pa. By his marriage to Mary A. Britten he had five children: (1) Rodolphia is a farmer in Greenwood township; by his first wife, Amanda (Lemon), daughter of Theodore Lemon, he had one child, Stanley, and his second wife was her cousin, May Lemon; by this union he had two children, Mabel and Donald. (2) Lizzie married Thomas Hausknecht, of Rohrsburg, and has three children, Jessie, Edith and Blanche. (3) Eva is the wife of George Davis, a farmer of Benton; they have one child, Rena. (4) Edgar E. is next in the family. (5) Edith is the wife of Harry Parker, of Sereno, Columbia county, and has two children, Delbert and Robert. The father of Mrs. Mary A. (Britten) Kline was born in England.

Edgar E. Kline was born Feb. 28, 1870, at

Rohrsburg, Columbia county, acquired his education in the local schools, and has been a farmer since he began to work. He is a steady-going and respected citizen, one of the substantial residents of his neighborhood. A Democrat in political views, he is not active in party affairs, and his religious connection is with the Christian Church.

On May 30, 1901, Mr. Kline married Minnie Kisner, of Millville, daughter of John Kisner, who has a blacksmith shop at Millville. Mrs. Kisner, whose maiden name was Minier, is from Unityville, Pa.; her father was a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Kline have three children: Eudelle, born Nov. 27, 1903; Bertelle, Nov. 28, 1905; and Elva, Aug. 2, 1909.

ELWOOD KNOUSE, who is the proprietor of one of the most popular confectionery and ice cream parlors in Benton, Columbia county, is a native of that place, born May 13, 1863.

The Knouse family is of German descent and one of the oldest in the county. Great-grandfather Knouse came from the Fatherland and settled in what is now Jackson township, where he died. He had a son Frederick.

Frederick Knouse, grandfather of Elwood Knouse, resided in Jackson township all of his life and pursued the vocation of farmer. He died at the comparatively early age of thirty-five. By his marriage to Nancy Heffler he was the father of thirteen children: Sallie A., Hannah, Catherine, Jacob, Abraham, Philip, Washington and Jackson (twins), Clara, Alexander, Samuel, Martha and Perry.

Philip Knouse, father of Elwood, was born in Jackson township and was a lumberman for a number of years after reaching his majority. Later he moved to Clearfield county and worked in the mines, and there he died at the age of thirty-five. He was married to Mary Young, who died in December, 1910, and they had seven children: William J., Elwood, Nora, Emma, Callie, Ella and Mamie.

Elwood Knouse was educated in the public schools of Jackson township, but the term of instruction was limited by the necessity of earning a livelihood. He was but a boy when he went to work at the coal breakers at Bernice, in Sullivan county. He next went to Clearfield county to work in the mines as door tender and mule driver, and in 1876 returned to Benton, later engaging in the lumber business. In this line he met with gratifying success, continuing to follow the business until 1913, since when he has devoted all of his time to the store which he had previously pur-

chased. He has a steadily growing trade, and in addition to his confectionery has a prosperous green grocery business.

Mr. Knouse married Anna, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Kiefer) Hartman, who were the parents of William F., Samuel, L. F., George C., Charles, Isaiah, Edward and Anna (Mrs. Knouse). Mr. and Mrs. Knouse have had two daughters: Helen, born June 23, 1897, and Mary, born July 4, 1899, both of whom are attending high school. Mr. Knouse is a Democrat and served several years as member of the council of the borough of Benton, also as constable for ten years. Socially he is a member of Benton Lodge, No. 667, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg, of the consistory (thirty-second degree), and of Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre. He is also connected with the Odd Fellows and the Patriotic Order Sons of America. The family are Methodists.

W. P. WILSON, for several years stationed at Bloomsburg as general division manager of the American Union Telephone Company, of Columbia and Montour counties, whose main office is at Bloomsburg, has demonstrated his thorough fitness for such responsibilities. Though a young man for such serious duties, he has been in the same line of work since the beginning of his business life, and the fact that several other members of his family have been engaged in important work of this kind would seem to indicate that the Wilsons were "cut out" for efficiency in this branch of business.

The Wilsons have been in Pennsylvania for many years. Joseph Wilson, grandfather of W. P. Wilson, made his home at York, Pa. He was a captain in the Union army during the Civil war.

N. H. Wilson, son of Capt. Joseph Wilson, was born at York, Pa., and as a boy was engaged in farm work at home. When he went out into the world to make his own way he became employed in telephone work at Baltimore, Md., where he remained for some years, and later was at several other localities, including Philadelphia and Harrisburg, Pa. For the last five years he has been at Erie, Pa., as general manager for the Union Telephone Company at that point. He is now (1914) a man of fifty-six years. He married Mary Walsch, a native of Baltimore, Md. (now forty-eight years old), daughter of John and Anna (Holbrook) Walsch, the latter coming to America from Ireland when fifteen years old. John Walsch served in the commissary department of the Union army during the

Civil war, at the same time that Capt. Joseph Wilson, paternal grandfather of W. P. Wilson, was in the service. Of the children born to N. H. and Mary (Walsch) Wilson: W. P. is mentioned below; Edith lives at home; Charles, of Philadelphia, is assistant wire chief of the telephone company there: Roy is at Erie, Pa.; Edward and Robert are at home.

W. P. Wilson was born at Baltimore Oct. 24, 1885, and received a good common school education. After leaving school he did boy's work for the telephone company until promoted to more responsible duties, being employed at Baltimore, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Erie and other places, working all over the State of Pennsylvania. In 1908 he came to Bloomsburg, beginning his work here as local manager, and becoming division manager of this district of eastern Pennsylvania in 1909. He became one of the highly respected citizens of his adopted town, and is a member of the Odd Fellows and Elks lodges there. He is now located at Williamsport.

Mr. Wilson married Mabel Kahler, who was born at Bloomsburg, daughter of George and Margaret (Hollingshead) Kahler, the former a molder by trade and a member of one of the old-settled families of Columbia county. Mrs. Wilson is a member of the Lutheran Church, and her father's family were among the organizers of the first church of that denomination at Bloomsburg. Mr. Wilson was reared a Catholic. He and his wife have one child, Dorothy Paca, now one and a half years old, the name Paca being her father's middle name.

WILFRED G. FIELDING, formerly a resident of Berwick, Columbia county, now living in Montreal, Canada, was in the service of the American Car and Foundry Company while in this country and is now with the Canadian Car Company. A native of Rochdale, Lancashire, England, he is a grandson of the late Joseph Fielding, of Rochdale, a wholesale tobacco merchant. He and his wife are buried there. They had a family of seven children: John, Joseph, Samuel, George, William J., Emma and Sarah Ann. In religious connection Joseph Fielding was a Methodist.

William Jacob Fielding, father of Wilfred G. Fielding, was born at Rochdale and received his education in the schools of that place. He learned plumbing, serving an eight years' apprenticeship to that trade, which he afterwards followed at Rochdale for a few years. In 1882 he brought his family to the

United States, arriving at New York Nov. 5th, and thence they went on to Warren, Pa., where they remained two years. Then they settled at Milton, Pa. Mr. Fielding died in Pittsburgh, while working on a contract, and his remains were buried in that city. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Milton, belonged to the Knights of Pythias lodge there, and politically supported the Democratic party. In England he married Louisa Jeannette Gordon, who was born March 15, 1860, at Rochdale, daughter of William and Caroline (Martin) Gordon; her father was superintendent of a brass foundry (for his brother) in England. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Fielding: Frank, who died when three and a half months old; and Wilfred G. Mrs. Fielding remained at Milton for a number of years after her husband's death and then moved to Berwick, and on March 25, 1914, became the wife of Theodore B. Fowler, of that place, formerly a prominent agriculturist, now living retired.

Wilfred G. Fielding was born Sept. 18, 1881, and was only a little more than a year old when his parents brought him to America. His literary education was obtained in the elementary schools and high schools of Milton, Pa., and was followed by a course at the Williamson Trade School, near Media, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1902, after a thorough training in patternmaking, machine work and mechanical drawing. Coming to Berwick he was given a position in the drawing room of the American Car and Foundry Company under H. P. Field, and later was made car inspector at the steel plant, where he had an office and was given charge of a large number of men. His next promotion was to the New York office of the concern, where he served under Mr. Ostrander in the estimating department. He is now engaged in the same capacity by the Canadian Car Company, at Montreal, Canada.

At Berwick Mr. Fielding married Ellen K. Shuman, daughter of Augustus and Kate (Owen) Shuman, and they have one child, Wilfred G., Jr. During his residence in Berwick Mr. Fielding joined Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., and the First Presbyterian Church.

JONATHAN PURSEL, a well known truck farmer of Hemlock township, near Bloomsburg, was born in Upper Canada June 7, 1852, son of Daniel, grandson of Jonathan and great-grandson of Daniel Pursel, who

married Mary Green. The family is of Scotch-Irish descent.

Jonathan Pursel, grandfather of his present namesake, was born Dec. 20, 1795, in Frosty Valley, Hemlock township, and was a blacksmith by trade. He traveled to Canada by team with his wife and family and settled in what became Upper Canada, following his trade. He is buried in Canada. He was married twice, by his first wife having five children, Daniel, Lemuel, Jonathan, Normand and Emily. By his second wife he had one child, Hettie.

Daniel Pursel, son of Jonathan, was born in Frosty Valley and was but a small boy when his parents emigrated to Canada. Despite his youth he assisted, driving a team the whole of the distance. He acquired a knowledge of the blacksmith's trade from his father, but seemed to prefer the life of a farmer. For a few years he farmed in Canada and then returned to Columbia county, Pa., settling in Bloom township, where he farmed the old Snyder homestead for a few years. He then moved from there to Dutch Valley, thence to Orange township, and later to Rohrsburg, where he followed his trade for six years. His next residence was in Valley township, whence he moved to Berwick, where he died and was buried. He married Experience Young, and they had seven children: Benjamin, who served for three years in the Civil war; Abigail, unmarried; Emily A., wife of George W. Johnston, residing in Orangeville; Nancy, who died young; Jonathan; Wallace, living in Wilkes-Barre; and Bruce, residing at Berwick.

Jonathan Pursel was but five years of age when his parents drove from Canada to Columbia county and he had to make the best of the limited facilities afforded by the schools of those times. At the age of ten years he was placed among strangers to learn farming, and after his marriage he started out on his own account at Beach Haven, Luzerne county. Thereafter he farmed in Columbia county, in Orange township two years, in Greenwood township seven years, in Fishingcreek township three years, and then lived for three years in Bloomsburg. In July, 1897, he bought the old Corell tract of fifty-one acres in Hemlock township, near Bloomsburg, which he greatly improved and converted into a truck farm. He has a beautifully situated place, with a fine view of the town of Bloomsburg, and he has but a short drive to reach his customers in the town. He attends the markets there three times a week, and his products obtain a ready sale owing to their freshness and quality.



Mr. Pursel married Mary E., daughter of Evan Welliver, and they have two children: Josephine graduated from the State Normal at Bloomsburg, and taught school eight terms before her marriage to Marvin Connor, of the firm of Keller & Connor, hardware merchants, of Benton, Pa.; Chester is located at Wilmington, N. C., where he holds a responsible position with the Pullman Company.

Mr. Pursel is a Republican in politics, has served as tax collector and school director of Greenwood township, and is a member of the State Grange. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian.

THOMAS C. OMAN, a farmer of Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, was born on his farm there Oct. 13, 1847, son of George Oman and grandson of Peter Oman.

Henry Oman, a native of Germany, came to this country at an early day, locating in what later became Columbia county, Pa., and here he died.

Peter Oman, son of Henry Oman, became the owner of a farm in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, which he operated until his removal to Kalamazoo, Mich., where he died when ninety-four years old. The children of Peter Oman were: George, Samuel, Peter, John, Rebecca and Ellen. Of these, Rebecca married Abraham Kline, and Ellen, Matthew Sproal.

George Oman, son of Peter Oman, was born in Columbia county, Pa., where he became the owner of a large farm. This he operated, erecting on it a substantial house and barn, and making other valuable improvements. He resided upon this property until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-nine years old. George Oman married Catherine Fowler, a daughter of David Fowler, who died when eighty-five years old, and both are buried at Light Street. Their children were: Sallie, David, Susanna, John and Sophia (twins), Henry, Samuel, Mary, George, Peter, Maggie, Thomas C. and Rebecca.

Thomas C. Oman was sent to the local schools, and taught farming in all its details under the capable instruction of his father. After the death of his mother Mr. Oman bought the homestead, now comprising 140 acres of well improved land, and on it he has made some improvements which have added materially to its value. Mr. Oman devotes all of his time to agricultural pursuits, and has developed into one of the leading farmers of his township.

Mr. Oman married Mary J. Whitenight, a

daughter of John Whitenight, of Hemlock township, Columbia Co., Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Oman have had children as follows: Laura married Henry Shoemaker, and has children, Leo, Marco, Gertrude, Winnie, Webster and Rachel; Effie R., who married Russel Creveling, resides in the vicinity of Light Street (she has no children); George, who is farming the homestead, married Lulu E. Miller, and they have one child, Fred R. Mr. Oman belongs to the Methodist Church, which he has served in various official positions. Formerly he was a member of the Odd Fellows, but severed his connection with that order. A good farmer and excellent business man, Mr. Oman has forged ahead and deserves the prosperity which has attended his efforts.

JOHN E. BREISCH, a farmer of Catawissa township, now residing on the old family homestead, was born in that township, Nov. 3, 1854, and is a son of Joseph Breisch, a descendant of one of the early settlers of German extraction who came from the Fatherland to hew a home from the wilderness.

Joseph Breisch was born in Catawissa township, Columbia county, Aug. 15, 1822, and was a son of George and Rebecca (Wall) Breisch, who were natives of this State and of German descent. His grandfather, Jacob Breisch, was born in the old country and came to America in early youth. Grandfather Wall was sold in bondage to pay his passage to America, working for some years after his arrival to repay the money. George Breisch was born in Montgomery county, Pa., and came to Columbia county in 1802, when he established the old Breisch homestead which has been in the family ever since. He died in 1870. Joseph Breisch was reared on the farm, leaving to take charge of a place of his own in 1852. In 1853 he married Harriet Miller, and they had five children: John E., living at Catawissa; Emma J., wife of Charles W. Newhauser, living in Washington, D. C.; Rebecca, unmarried; Harmon M., living at Catawissa; and Regina, wife of Britton Hughes. Joseph Breisch and his wife were both members of the Lutheran Church. He died in 1901, and they are buried in the cemetery at Catawissa.

John E. Breisch was born in Catawissa township, where he attended the country schools and labored on the home farm. He selected the vocation of agriculture and at the age of twenty-one married and removed to the homestead of his ancestors, a tract of 150

acres, where he took up the congenial work of cultivating the ground.

On Nov. 22, 1875, Mr. Breisch married Lydia, daughter of Philip Fram, of Schuylkill county, and this union has been blessed with four children: Cora E., wife of Fred Stonge, living in Philadelphia; Enola, wife of Roy Tragel, residing in Michigan; Raymond, who married Dora Gruver; and Emma, wife of Jeremiah Artley, now living in Catawissa.

Mr. Breisch is a Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran Church of Catawissa. He is also connected with the State Grange, in which he takes a live interest. He has what he believes to be a valuable vein of copper ore running through his farm, specimens of which he will have analyzed by the State geologists.

MICHAEL E. STINE, a well known farmer of Locust township, Columbia county, residing on the Newlin and Centralia road, was born in Cleveland township, same county, Aug. 20, 1872, son of David Stine.

David Stine was born and reared in Cleveland township, and in his young manhood became a merchant, having a store three-quarters of a mile west of Numidia, Pa. When he sold out that place he removed to Mount Carmel. He died at Shamokin at the age of sixty-four years. His remains are resting in the Lutheran cemetery at Numidia. He was a member of the Reformed Church, and a Democrat in politics, in which he was keenly interested. He married Isabella, daughter of William Hand, a native of Locust township, and they had four sons and two daughters. Mrs. Stine is now living with her son Michael, at the age of sixty years.

Michael E. Stine attended the schools of Locust township, where he also learned the trade of blacksmith. For fourteen years he worked in Shamokin, Pa., and then returned to Numidia, where he ran a shop for seven years. He then came to his present location and bought a farm, having forty acres adjoining Numidia on the south, which he has been cultivating up to the present time. He married Rose, daughter of the late William Fidler, of Shamokin, and they have had the following children: J. Robert and Helen, both of whom are attending school. Mr. Stine is a Democrat and has been president of the Locust township school board for two terms, and is now the treasurer of that body. He was the local charter member of the Locust Mutual Insurance Company. Mr. Stine is a member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Shamokin.

MICHAEL TOBIAS OHL, who is engaged in business as a contractor at Bloomsburg, Pa., was born in Hemlock township, Columbia Co., Pa., July 17, 1853, son of George and Sarah (Heller) Ohl.

Michael Ohl, grandfather of Michael T. Ohl, was born in Northampton county, Pa., where the family, of German origin, had settled at an early date. In young manhood he migrated to Columbia county, and here cleared a farm from the virgin forest, becoming one of the substantial men of what is now Hemlock township. He died in Madison township, and he and his wife were buried at Heller's Church, Dutch Hill. They were the parents of four children: George; William; Henry; and Mary Jane, who became the wife of Wash Mauser.

George Ohl, son of Michael Ohl, was born in Hemlock township, and became a carpenter by trade. He also engaged in agricultural operations, was successful, and at the time of his death, which occurred in Mount Pleasant township, owned a farm in Hemlock township and another in Madison township. He married Sarah Heller, daughter of Tobias Heller, and both were buried at Dutch Hill. They were the parents of the following children: Mary C., who married Fred Beagle; Lena J., who became the wife of John Moore; Michael Tobias; Henry; Joseph M.; Thomas Boyd; Elmer; Anna, who married George Hassenplug; and John, who is deceased.

Michael Tobias Ohl, son of George Ohl, attended the public schools, and like other farmers' sons of his day and locality spent his youth in assisting his father in the work of the homestead. At the age of eighteen years he began to learn the trade of stonemason and bricklayer, and in 1882 located in Bloomsburg, where he has been operating to the present time. Gradually advancing in his trade, through excellent workmanship and steady perseverance, he has become one of the city's leading contractors, and has erected a number of the principal buildings in the city, among which may be mentioned the Catholic church, which was built in 1911, and the filter plant of the Bloomsburg Water Company, 1912.

Mr. Ohl married Julia E. Crawford, daughter of Stephen Crawford, of Mount Pleasant township, and they have had children as follows: Rev. Arthur C. O., a minister of the Reformed Church, now stationed at Saxton, Pa.; Laura M., who is the wife of Frank Ivey; Boyd S.; Sarah Elizabeth, who married Bert

Sewlard; Raymond L.; Olive B. and George Stanley.

Mr. Ohl is an independent voter, exercising his prerogative to vote for those he considers best fitted for office, irrespective of party lines. He is a member of the Reformed Church.

BENJAMIN P. FIFIELD, of Scott township, Columbia county, living at Espy, is engaged in poultry growing and bee culture. Born at Andover, N. H., Jan. 10, 1855, he is a son of Benjamin P. Fifield and grandson of John Fifield, who lived and died in that State. The Fifield family is of English extraction, its founders in this country coming over in the historic "Mayflower." Many of the family still reside in one or other of the States that form the New England group.

Benjamin P. Fifield, Sr., was a native of New Hampshire, where he engaged in farming and the hotel business. He married Lydia Merrill, also of New Hampshire, and both died in that State.

Benjamin P. Fifield, Jr., received his education in the public schools in his native State, and was reared to farming. For a number of years he worked at the carpenter's trade. On July 28, 1905, he came to Espy, and buying thirty acres of land (a portion of the old Mood estate) he branched out as a grower of fancy poultry, specializing on Plymouth Rock chickens. He is also largely interested in bee culture. His products meet with a ready sale in the local markets because of their quality and his admirable business methods. Mr. Fifield's farm adjoins the celebrated ostrich farm at Espy.

Mr. Fifield married Edna E. Scales, a daughter of Cornelius and Matilda (Hagenbuch) Scales. Fraternally he belongs to Kearsarge Lodge, No. 81, F. & A. M. The Congregational Church holds his membership and has his hearty and generous support.

CHARLES E. BUCHER, a farmer of Franklin township, Columbia county, was born Sept. 16, 1868, son of John and Frances (Kostenbauder) Bucher.

George Bucher, his grandfather, married Sarah Deener, and among their children was John.

John Bucher was a tailor, and lived at Sunbury, Pa. However, he was buried in the little graveyard at McIntyre, and his wife rests by his side.

Charles E. Bucher, son of John Bucher, grew up a farmer and worked as an agricul-

turist in different places. In 1894 he purchased from Christian Artley fifty-eight acres of land in Franklin township, which he has developed until it is a valuable property, devoted principally to garden truck, which he sells at the nearest market. For five years Mr. Bucher served as a school director, has been constable and is now a justice of the peace, in every walk of life displaying those excellent traits of character which have aided him in his successful career, industry, steadfastness and thrift. He is a director of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Mr. Bucher married Lizzie Munson, daughter of D. A. Munson, and the following children have been born of this marriage: Helen, Margaret, Louisa, Francis and Mercy, all of whom are being educated in the State Normal School at Bloomsburg.

E. ROSS KESTER, a farmer of Buckhorn, Hemlock township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in Madison township, same county, Oct. 14, 1865, son of Joseph W. Kester, and a grandson of Joseph Kester.

Paul Kester, the great-grandfather of E. Ross Kester, is the first of this line of the family of whom there is definite knowledge. Among his children was Joseph Kester.

Joseph Kester was a resident of Mount Pleasant township, where he was engaged in farming all his life. By his first wife he had five children: John, Elijah, James, Ann and Mary. Later he married (second) a Miss Mosgrave, and they had issue as follows: Joseph W., William, Anna, Chawkey, B. Franklin, Hannah, Ruth and Sarah.

Joseph W. Kester was born in Mount Pleasant township, Oct. 25, 1825, and died Oct. 3, 1869, in the city of Bloomsburg, aged forty-three years. He married Hannah Jane Kester, born March 18, 1827, a daughter of Joseph Kester, of Madison township, Columbia Co., Pa., a second cousin. She died Aug. 29, 1890, and both she and her husband are interred in the cemetery at Dutch Hill. Joseph W. Kester was a farmer in Mount Pleasant and Madison townships, until his retirement to Bloomsburg. He and his wife had the following children: Sadie, who married Henry Masteller; Harvey, who is deceased; and E. Ross.

E. Ross Kester attended the local schools of Madison township, and those of Bloomsburg, and having been reared to an agricultural life naturally turned to farming as his life work. For some years he managed the old homestead, and then bought the John Ap-

pelman farm of 121 acres of valuable land at Buckhorn, Pa., which he is now conducting according to modern methods, devoting his property to general farming.

E. Ross Kester married Eva Masteller, a daughter of William and Sarah (Heller) Masteller. Their children are William Fred and Paul Earle. Mr. Kester is a Democrat, and has served on the school board for eleven years. The Lutheran Church has in him a faithful member, and he is now serving it as deacon and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, he having held the latter position for several years. Coming, as he does, of one of the old and honored families of Columbia county, Mr. Kester is living up to his name and is numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of his township.

JOHN KELCHNER, a retired farmer of Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born on the farm there which he still occupies, May 3, 1833, son of William and Susan (Hess) Kelchner.

The paternal grandfather of John Kelchner was a farmer of Columbia county, and the owner of a tract of 200 acres of land located near to the property now owned by his grandson. This land he cleared from the wilderness, building a log house and barn, and there continued to carry on general farming throughout his life. In addition he built a kiln, having a limestone quarry upon his place, and conducted a general store, which was widely patronized by the pioneers of Centre township. He was a well known Democrat, and for years served his community in the capacity of justice of the peace. He and his wife were members of the Old Lutheran Church, and both were buried in the cemetery at the Brick Church in Briarcreek township. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Kelchner were: George, who married a Miss Miller; John, who had three wives, the last being Hettie Kisner; and William.

William Kelchner, son of the above, and father of John Kelchner, was born in Centre township, and here received his educational training in the district schools. Until he reached his majority he worked with his father, and then embarked upon a career of his own, becoming the owner of 130 acres of cultivated land and thirty acres of timber. He was an honest, industrious and energetic worker, and won success through the medium of his own efforts. On Aug. 20, 1824, he was united in marriage with Susan Hess, of Northampton county, Pa., and they became the par-

ents of the following children: Aaron, born Sept. 3, 1826; Stephen, born June 9, 1828, who died Sept. 8, 1829; Catherine, born May 29, 1830, who died March 19, 1833; John, born May 3, 1833; Henry, born March 7, 1835; and Charles, born Dec. 22, 1838. The father was stricken with consumption, and died thereof Oct. 25, 1850, while the mother survived him for a long period and passed away at the age of eighty-six years. Both were buried in Briarcreek cemetery. Mr. Kelchner was a stalwart Democrat, although he was not one to push himself forward or to seek public preference. His religious faith was that of the Lutheran Church, and in that belief he died.

John Kelchner, son of William Kelchner, was seventeen years of age when his father died. He was the only son left at home, and the duties of the farm fell upon his shoulders, and thus he had but few educational advantages, rarely being able to attend school oftener than one day a week. When he was a youth the farming methods were exceedingly crude and entailed much hard labor. All wheat cutting was done with a cradle scythe, John Kelchner becoming an expert with this implement, and the threshing was done with an old-fashioned wooden flail, on the hard barn floor. For a few years he farmed on shares, but eventually he purchased the homestead of 130 acres. Later he disposed of this property, being now the owner of only one acre of land, while the farm and dwelling are owned by his son Albert, of Briar Creek. For the last eighteen years he has been living in quiet retirement. He is a Democrat in politics, and has served as road commissioner, as supervisor for four years and as school director for nine years. He is a popular member of the Orangeville Lodge of Odd Fellows and the Centre Township Grangers, and throughout this section has a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Kelchner married Amanda Boone, who was born Dec. 5, 1833, in Centre township, about a mile from where she now resides, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (England) Boone, and they have become the parents of the following children: Henrietta, who died when eighteen months old; Albert, who married Alice Zenar, of Briar Creek; Ida, who married Isaiah Hartman, of Briar Creek; Sadie Alvena, who married Sherman Dilley, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and Bruce, who married a Miss Wennich, of Bloomsburg.

Samuel Boone, the grandfather of Mrs. Kelchner, came from the eastern part of

Pennsylvania and settled in Columbia county, on a farm along the river in Centre township. There he continued to be engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his life, accumulating a competence and gaining the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens all over the township. He was a stalwart Whig in politics, but at no time was he an office seeker. He and his wife were buried at the Hidlay church, in Centre township.

Daniel Boone, son of Samuel Boone, and father of Mrs. Kelchner, was born in Centre township, along the Susquehanna river. He was educated in the public schools and reared to agricultural pursuits, assisting his father in conducting the homestead for some years and then entering upon a career of his own. He later became a lime burner, owning a tract of seven acres of land, and in this continued to be engaged up to the time of his death, when he had reached the age of seventy-seven years. The mother survived him for a considerable period, and passed away when she had reached the age of eighty-eight years. Mr. Boone was a member of the Fowlerville Baptist Church, and there he and Mrs. Boone were buried. They were kindly, Christian people, ever ready to assist others, and merited the high regard and esteem in which they were universally held. Mr. Boone was a stanch Republican, but never sought office. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Boone: Cyrus, deceased, who married Amanda Haman, also deceased; Perry, deceased, who married a Miss Shellhamer; Amanda, who became the wife of Mr. Kelchner; Sarah, who married a Mr. Bloom, both now being deceased; and Emma, who married a Mr. Shannon, both now deceased.

HENRY ASHER FIESTER, proprietor of the "Heddens Hotel" at Washingtonville, Montour county, was born Sept. 30, 1872, in Lycoming county, Pa., a son of Thomas Fiester.

Henry Fiester lived in Lycoming county, where he married Mary Moyer, who was born in the vicinity of Philadelphia.

Thomas Fiester, son of Henry Fiester, was born in Lycoming county, Pa., and still survives, making his home at Unityville, Pa. He married Emma Stackhouse, who was born in Lycoming county, and died in 1892, aged thirty-three years. She was a daughter of Abram and Leonia (Kinney) Stackhouse. The Kinney family came from New Jersey. Thomas Fiester and wife had four children: Wilton M., who is a clerk in Lycoming county; Vernon K., who is of Lycoming county; Wil-

liam B., who is also of Lycoming county, and Henry Asher, who is the eldest.

Henry Asher Fiester grew up amid strictly rural surroundings and after completing a course of study in the schools of his district worked in lumber camps from the time he was seventeen years old until he was nineteen years and six months old, at which time he began contracting with the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company, with headquarters at Williamsport, Pa. In April, 1912, he came to Washingtonville and purchased his present hotel, which he is conducting along modern lines, winning the approval and patronage of the traveling public.

Mr. Fiester married Mame J. Kile, who was born in Sugarloaf township, Columbia Co., Pa., daughter of B. F. Kile, a farmer of that locality. Mr. Kile married Hulda Hess, now deceased. For years Mr. Kile operated a distillery, one of the first in Columbia county, and manufactured whiskey under the name of the McHenry Pennsylvania Distillery. Mr. and Mrs. Fiester have had the following family: Irene, Josephine, Virgie, Forester F., and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Fiester belong to the Baptist Church and are interested in its good work. Being absorbed in his business affairs Mr. Fiester takes no part in politics, and does not belong to any fraternal orders.

SIMON LEIBY, a farmer of Franklin township, Columbia county, was born Jan. 28, 1854, son of John and Abbie (Snyder) Leiby.

Mr. Leiby's paternal grandfather lived in Locust township, where he carried on farming all his life. His children were: Daniel, George; David; Samuel; John; Sarah, who married Jake Hoover; Mary, who married Jackson George; and Hannah, who married S. Reider.

John Leiby, son of the above, was a shoemaker and followed his trade for some years in Locust township, later buying a farm in that township from James Fox. It comprised eighty acres, and later he bought 100 acres more from Peter Yocum. Subsequently he bought twenty-four acres from George Roup, and moved on the latter property, where he died. His remains are interred in Numidia cemetery. His wife, who was a daughter of Michael Snyder of Locust township, is also buried in that cemetery. Mr. Leiby was a Democrat, but did not care for public life. His children were as follows: Francis; Simon; Pierce, who is deceased; Willets; Maria, who married Amos Hughes; Angeline, who married James Kase;

Hannah, who married John Forninger; and Annie, who married John Dyes.

Simon Leiby, son of John Leiby, assisted his father in the farm work until he was twenty-one years old. At that time he went to Bear Gap to enter the employ of John Pensyl, a merchant at that place. Mr. Leiby drove a delivery wagon and acted as clerk for two years, at the expiration of which period he married and began farming, buying the old homestead of his father, which comprised 124 acres. Later he sold this, and bought the Fortner farm in the spring of 1912. This property contains 140 acres of land which he is operating at present, and his success entitles him to a place among the leading farmers of Columbia county.

Simon Leiby married Ada Solter, a daughter of Michael Solter, of Northumberland county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Leiby have had the following children: William married Lillian Hendricks; Edwin is a farmer, living at home; Herbert is also a farmer, living at home; William is also at home, assisting in the farm work; Lucy married Preston Titsworth; Fernon is unmarried; Elma is unmarried; Hazel is deceased. Mr. Leiby has served as a school director and overseer of the poor, making as good a record as an official as he has had in private life.

EMMANUEL DELAY, farmer and stock-raiser of Centre township, Columbia county, was born Dec. 1, 1839, in Kingston township, Luzerne Co., Pa., son of Jacob and Esther (Atherholt) Delay.

Jacob Delay, father of Emmanuel Delay, was born at Little York, Pa., and after receiving his education learned the trade of wheelwright, which he followed until a few years before his death, when he fell and sustained injury to his hip which eventually caused his death. He married Esther Atherholt, and they became the parents of the following children: Mary, who married John Robbins, of Trucksville, Luzerne Co., Pa.; Catherine, who married Lewis Steiner, deceased, of Pittston, Pa.; Lucinda, who married Charles Forschner, deceased, of White Haven, Pa.; Elizabeth, who married John Rambo, deceased, of Trucksville; and Emmanuel. Jacob Delay spent the greater part of his life in Luzerne county, where he was originally the owner of a tract of fifty acres in Kingston township, which he cleared and sold, later purchasing another tract, which he traded for building lots in Dallas. He was a Republican, and served as school director of his township,

and was very active in the affairs of the Christian Church. He and his wife were buried at Trucksville.

Emmanuel Delay, son of Jacob Delay, was educated in the public schools of Kingston township, Luzerne county, and as a lad did farm work. Subsequently he secured employment in the lumber woods, where he was working at the time of the Civil war. On Feb. 27, 1864, at White Haven, Pa., he enlisted in Company D (Capt. Jeremiah Taylor), 61st Regiment (Colonel Smith, of Philadelphia), Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, attached to the 3d Brigade, 6th Corps, Army of the Potomac. He participated in the battles of the Wilderness and Spottsylvania Court House, and at the latter was badly wounded in the left hand, losing four fingers and half of his hand. After being in the hospital for some time he was sent to Philadelphia with the 2d Battalion to do guard duty at the "Summit House," on the old Darby road, and after serving for nearly six months in this capacity received his honorable discharge, in April, 1865, at Philadelphia; his service covered fifteen months. Returning to Luzerne county, he was engaged in lumbering there until 1885, in which year he came to Centre township, Columbia county, and located on a tract of ninety-eight acres. This land has all been put under cultivation, and here Mr. Delay carries on general farming.

Mr. Delay married Mary Ferguson, daughter of Isaac and Elisa (Elston) Ferguson, and to this union have been born the following children: Emerline, who married Ira Hardy, of Dorranceton, Pa., died at the age of thirty-five years; Eveline died when twenty-two years old; Ellen married Newton Heller, also of Dorranceton; Estella married William McCreary (deceased) and (second) George Fowler, of Canada; Etta married George Elston, of Lehman Center, Luzerne county; Edward married Dora Rabert, of Centre township; Edith married Miles Bower, of West Berwick, Pa.; Everett married Mary Breece, of Centre township.

Samuel Ferguson, grandfather of Mrs. Delay, was born in Orange county, N. Y., and was the father of the following children: Samuel, a school teacher, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Isaac; and a daughter. The parents are both buried in Orange (N. Y.) cemetery.

Isaac Ferguson, son of Samuel Ferguson, and father of Mrs. Delay, was born March 3, 1804, in Orange county, N. Y., and died Feb. 27, 1860. He lost his father when he was

eight years of age, and was bound out until the age of twenty-one years, attending school until he mastered the "rule of three." He was married in New York State to Elisa Elston, daughter of Jonas and Catherine (Myers) Elston. Mrs. Ferguson was born Aug. 17, 1808, and died May 1, 1898, the mother of the following children: Samuel, deceased, married Jane Harris, of Minnesota; Fannie married David Ransom, of Syracuse, N. Y.; Jane is the widow of Jefferson Myers, of Luzerne county; Catherine (deceased) was the wife of the late Edward Wagner; Sarah (deceased) was the wife of the late Charles Durland; Mary became Mrs. Delay; Marilda married Helorious Heller, of Newark, N. J.; Elizabeth married James Johnson, of Jackson township, Luzerne county; Uriah, who married Julianna Gordon, was killed at Fort Fisher during the Civil war while a member of the Union army; Almira married James DeLong (deceased) and (second) Thomas Nelson (deceased), and now lives in Jackson township, Luzerne county; Arminda died at the age of two years.

Mr. Ferguson came to Luzerne county, Pa., in the spring of 1842, and had a farm of seventy-five acres which he operated up to the time of his demise. By trade he was a stonemason, and was engaged in laying bridge foundations and similar work. In his early life he was a Whig, and later he became a Republican. He and his faithful wife were members of the Baptist Church, and both are buried in the cemetery at Huntsville, Luzerne county.

Mrs. Mary (Ferguson) Delay, daughter of Isaac Delay, was born Aug. 25, 1842, in Jackson township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and there received her education in the public schools. After completing her studies she worked until her marriage. She has many friends in Centre township, who have been attracted to her by her admirable traits of character.

**BENJAMIN SERVATUS DIEFFENBACHER**, retired farmer and business man, living at Washingtonville, in Derry township, Montour county, was born in that township April 8, 1836, son of Conrad and Catherine (Stamm) Dieffenbacher. The Dieffenbachers originated in Wurtemberg, Germany, while the Stamm family is of Swiss extraction. Representatives of the former came to this country at an early day, locating in the mountains of Pennsylvania, while the Stammers settled in Berks county, Pa., later coming to Montour county. On both sides Mr. Dieffen-

bacher's ancestors have always been associated with the agricultural interests of their respective neighborhoods.

Conrad Dieffenbacher, great-grandfather of Benjamin S., was born March 1, 1745, and died Aug. 6, 1813. His wife Catherine died Jan. 3, 1809. They were married Jan. 30, 1769.

Philip Dieffenbacher, son of Conrad, above, died March 25, 1840, aged sixty-two years, one month, twenty-two days. His wife, Rosanna, born Oct. 13, 1782, died Sept. 16, 1869.

Conrad Dieffenbacher, son of Philip, became quite prominent in Derry township, where he served as school director and supervisor. His death occurred Oct. 11, 1884, at the age of seventy-eight years, seven months, ten days. His wife, Catherine, died March 19, 1866, aged fifty-three years, eight months, eleven days.

Benjamin S. Dieffenbacher attended the country schools of his neighborhood until he was twelve years old, when he was obliged to become self-supporting, which he did. After working on different farms in Lycoming county for two years he went to Milton, Pa., and began learning the wagonmaker's trade, which he followed for ten years. In 1860 he came to Washingtonville and worked at his trade for a decade, when he moved to a farm in Derry township, conducting it for fifteen years. Returning to Washingtonville, he bought twenty-five acres two miles from the town. Later he went to Union county and farmed for three years, and then returning again to Washingtonville, has continued a resident of that place, where he is now living retired, having rented his farm. Mr. Dieffenbacher has been quite prominent, as he has been constable for three years, supervisor seven years, and a school director many years, now holding that office for the borough. He has always been interested in educational matters, and he served as member of the city council for fifteen years. In his political proclivities he is a Democrat.

Mr. Dieffenbacher married Margaret Elizabeth Berger, a native of Montour county, born April 18, 1839, died Feb. 13, 1900, daughter of Jonathan and Anna Marie Berger; the father died April 3, 1882, and the mother May 19, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Dieffenbacher had the following family: William C., who is a farmer of Derry township, married Anna Russell; Daniel Norman is superintendent of city schools of Danville, Pa.; Clara Aletta married Samuel Moses, a farmer of Derry

township; Cora Ella married F. H. Lundy, of Williamsport, Pa., ticket agent for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, at that point; Anna Margaret married J. R. Cotner, a photographer of Williamsport; Laura Jane married Daniel H. Farley, a mail carrier, of Williamsport, Pa.; David Arthur, who is ticket agent for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Muncy, Pa., married Sarah Hileman; Carrie Olive is clerk in a general store at Williamsport; Erma Viola married Claud Diehl, a telegrapher for the B. R. & P. Railroad Company at Orchard Park, N. Y. Mr. Dieffenbacher belongs to the Reformed Church, of which he was deacon and elder for twenty years.

JACOB A. LAUB was for a number of years a resident of West Berwick, Pa., holding a responsible position with the American Car and Foundry Company and taking a leading part in the administration of civil affairs. He filled several important public positions. He has recently removed to Erie, Pa., where he is in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company as railroad detective.

Mr. Laub belongs to an old Pennsylvania family of Holland extraction which was first established in Lancaster county, Pa. There Jacob Laub, grandfather of Jacob A. Laub, lived for a number of years, marrying Elizabeth Deitterich, also of Lancaster county. By occupation he was a farmer. In the year 1845 he and his wife removed with their family to Juniata county, Pa., and he died during the Civil war. Their children were: George entered the Union service during the Civil war, in which he met his death, being killed at the battle of Cold Harbor; Jacob, who like his brothers was in the Northern army during the Civil war, being a drummer, is now living in California; Henry H. is mentioned below; Jane married William Roush; Martha married Theodore Frey. This family held to the faith of the German Reformed Church.

Henry H. Laub was born Jan. 10, 1840, in New Holland, Lancaster county, where he lived until five years old. Then he accompanied his parents to Juniata county, where he obtained a good education, being allowed to attend common school until 1859, when he entered the academy at McAlisterville conducted by George F. McFarland. During the winter of 1860-61 he was engaged in teaching, in West Beaver township, Snyder Co., Pa., continuing his studies in school the following summer, and in the fall and winter of 1862 resumed teaching, in the same place. On

April 2, 1862, he enlisted in the Union service, entering Company H, 49th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, for three years, and serving the full term. He remained with his regiment until the surrender at Appomattox Court House, and arrived home May 5, 1865. Mr. Laub became a skilled carpenter and worked at the trade for some time, but eventually gave his attention principally to fruit growing, in which line he did well. As one of the competent officials of Spring and West Beaver townships he has become one of the best known residents in his section of Snyder county. In Spring township he served as assessor, supervisor, tax collector, auditor, census enumerator (for 1890) and school director (three terms), and for the last several years he has been auditor of that township. For twenty-five years continuously he has been holding office in the German Reformed Church, being now secretary of Christ Church at Beaver Springs and treasurer of the joint consistory of Beaver Springs charge. As a veteran of the Civil war he belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, holding membership in Post No. 612, at Beaver Springs, in which he has filled all the offices; he served as commander and has been quartermaster ever since 1892. To his marriage with Louisa Shout, daughter of Adam Shout, of West Beaver township, Snyder county (whose wife was a Howell), have been born six children: Harry, who married Olive Knepp; Sarah, who married Charles Wagner; Jacob A., mentioned below; George A., of West Berwick, married to Amelia E. Beaver; Elizabeth, and Grace.

Jacob A. Laub was born March 15, 1873, at Beaver Springs, and in his early youth had the advantages afforded by the schools of that town, later broadening his education by attendance at normal school—the private normal at Middleburg, in his native county. Having fitted himself for teaching he followed that profession for three years, during 1894, 1895 and 1896. Removing to Berwick Nov. 8, 1896, he entered the plant of the American Car and Foundry Company, in the rolling mill, working as heater on the 18-inch mill under J. H. Catterall for a few years. He then left the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company, and was appointed chief of police in West Berwick, holding the position for six years, when he resigned and entered the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, at Erie, Pennsylvania.

West Berwick for several years counted Mr. Laub among its most conscientious officials. In 1902 he was register assessor, and the year



following served as general assessor. Shortly afterward he became a member of the police force of West Berwick, on which he served four years as special officer, on Aug. 1, 1907, receiving appointment as chief of police, in which capacity he acted for six years, his thorough understanding of the work and fearless discharge of duty recommending him to the support of his fellow citizens. His work not only did him credit, but raised standards in his municipality which bid fair to have a permanent influence for good in the local government. Though he made a reputation for being courteous and obliging he was impartial in the administration of the affairs of his office, and his good judgment and even sense of justice could be relied upon in any situation. His strong sense of responsibility to his fellow citizens manifested in all his affairs and official acts made them feel that their confidence in him was not misplaced. A number of successful residents of Berwick have moved hither from Beaver Springs, and none has won higher personal regard than Mr. Laub. His removal to Erie Jan. 2, 1914, was considered a distinct loss. His residence is at No. 116 West Sixteenth street.

Mr. Laub was one of the charter members of the Odd Fellows Lodge at Beaver Springs, having been one of the fifteen who got their degrees at Selinsgrove and afterwards instituted a home lodge.

On Feb. 7, 1895, Mr. Laub married Minnie Belle Smith, who was born Oct. 14, 1876, the eldest daughter of Adam Smith, now a leading insurance man of Berwick. They have the following children: Marian Madeline, born Dec. 5, 1895; Margaret Bernice, born May 13, 1897; J. Marshall, born Dec. 27, 1898; Burton Randolph, born Oct. 19, 1903.

The Smith family has been in Pennsylvania from pioneer days. Mrs. Laub's great-grandfather, Adam Smith, was a native of Lancaster county, where the family were among the first settlers. He was a Lutheran in religious belief, and very broadminded in politics. His children, besides John D., were: Henry, Adam, Daniel, George, Isaac, Sarah and Delilah.

John D. Smith was born in Snyder county, Pa., Sept. 9, 1806, and died Sept. 8, 1856. He was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Annie Benner, who bore him two children, Robert and Catherine. After her death he married Hannah Bubb, a native of Snyder county, and their children were: Susan, wife of James F.

Keller; Sarah Jane; William; Joseph; Benneville, and Adam.

Adam Smith was born June 12, 1855, near Troxelville, Snyder county, and spent his childhood on the farm, attending the country schools until 1870. He then successively attended the schools at Freeburg, New Berlin, Kutztown (State Normal) and Selinsgrove. For several terms he taught school in various places, and in 1876 entered the employ of A. H. Bowersox, a general merchant of Beavertown, Snyder Co., Pa. He then moved to Adamsburg, and for a number of years taught in the public and private schools of that town. He was elected justice of the peace and served acceptably in that office for eleven years. In 1882 he entered into partnership with W. J. Klose, in Adamsburg, continuing until 1887, when the partnership was dissolved and he conducted the business alone until 1897. At that time he sold out and removed to Berwick to enter the employ of the Berwick Store Company, with whom he was connected for six years, holding several important positions with marked ability. In 1903 he resigned to become resident agent of the Fidelity Mutual Insurance Company, of Philadelphia. Since then he has built up a large general insurance business, including life, health and accident and fire insurance, and represents many well known companies. He is also an insurance adjuster and broker.

Mr. Smith was married in Snyder county, April 2, 1875, to Sue J. Klose, born March 12, 1856, daughter of Reuben and Sarah (Middlesworth) Klose, the former one of the prominent men of Snyder county, the mother a daughter of Hon. Ner B. Middlesworth, who represented Union county in the State Legislature thirteen times. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had children as follows: Minnie B., wife of Jacob A. Laub; Allen Edgar, born Feb. 1, 1878; Anna, born Jan. 22, 1885, wife of Clarence Herr; Miriam V., born Nov. 22, 1888; and Carrie M., born July 30, 1892. The two last named are at home. Mr. Smith has been a lifelong Republican, and is a prominent member of Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, in which he has held all of the offices.

HENRY H. KEIFER, a farmer of Catawissa, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in Roaringcreek township, that county, Feb. 22, 1851, a son of Henry Keifer.

Henry Keifer came from Germany to America when about fourteen years old, and located in Roaringcreek township, where he

followed the trade of stonecutter and mason. He assisted in constructing the Mainville bridge, and was engaged in work at his trade all of his life. His death occurred in 1853, and he is buried at Numidia, Pa. He married Mary Fisher, of Columbia county, and their children were: Sarah, deceased, who married Samuel Dechert; Rebecca, who married Jacob Kerchner; John, who is a resident of Catawissa township; Jacob, who is deceased; Henry H.; and Wellington, who is a resident of Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Henry H. Keifer went to the local schools and was brought up to farming. For a time he was employed by David Leiby, a farmer of Franklin township, who paid him five dollars per month. Mr. Keifer continued to work out among farmers until 1895, when he began farming in Cooper township, Montour Co., Pa. He bought a tract of 134 acres, but after cultivating it for five years, sold out, and bought the Solomon Helwig homestead in Catawissa township, comprising 154 acres of valuable land. Mr. Keifer is responsible for the greater part of the improvements upon this property and they do credit to him and his methods. Since 1900 he has been running a milk wagon to Catawissa, his dairy being known as the "Catawissa Pride." In all his operations he shows excellent business judgment and an appreciative conception of existing demand.

Mr. Keifer married Harriet Baylor Krum, daughter of Daniel and Mary Krum, and they have become the parents of the following children: Mary Idella; Sarah C., who married Oscar Leighow, a farmer of Catawissa township; Alveta, who married William Long, and lives at Catawissa; Charles N., of Catawissa, a mail carrier on the rural free delivery route; and John, who is at home. Mr. Keifer is a Democrat, and has served as a school director, while at present he is one of the township committee of his party, having held that office for two terms. The Reformed Church of Catawissa holds his membership, and he is now an elder in that body. Interested in agricultural matters, Mr. Keifer naturally belongs to the Grange.

**CHARLES WESLEY COOK**, ex-commissioner of Montour county, who is now engaged in the lime-burning business at Danville, was born April 5, 1856, in Valley township, Montour county, son of Enoch and Elizabeth (Campbell) Cook.

Richard Cook, the paternal grandfather of Charles Wesley Cook, was a native of Eng-

land, whence he brought his family to the United States in 1841, settling at Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., where he followed ore mining. Later, however, he returned to his native land, and there his death occurred.

Enoch Cook, son of Richard Cook, and father of Charles Wesley Cook, was born in 1833, in Staffordshire, England, and there received a common school education. He accompanied the family to this country when he was eight years of age, and, following in his father's footsteps, adopted ore mining as his vocation, in which he was engaged all of his life. In 1874 he made a trip home to his native land, after a visit returning to the United States, and here his death occurred in 1906. He married Elizabeth Campbell, who was born in Columbia county, Pa., daughter of Mathew and Susanna (Mettlen) Campbell, both of New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Cook became the parents of ten children, of whom seven are now living: Charles Wesley; Millard F., a farmer of Danville; William Harrison, a painter, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Elmer Lincoln, also a painter of that city; Emma, the wife of Frank Arms, a puddler in the mills at Danville, Pa.; Benjamin, who is engaged in painting at Danville; and Elizabeth A., deceased.

Charles Wesley Cook, son of Enoch Cook, received a district school education, his winter months being spent in study and his summers, from the time he was ten years old, in the hard, unremitting work of the home farm. Later he began spending his winters in clerking in Renovo (Pa.) stores, an occupation which he followed for three years, then entering the mines, in which he worked until he was thirty years of age. Mr. Cook was next employed at the furnace for four years, when he entered business on his own account as a lime burner, and has so continued to the present time. He has built up a substantial business, and his success has been the result of his own efforts, for since boyhood he has depended upon his own resources. A man of industry, business ability and public spirit, he has gained the confidence of his fellows, and is highly respected by all who know him.

Mr. Cook was married to Martha Stetler, who was born in Montour county, Pa., daughter of Jasper and Margaret (Ebner) Stetler, natives of Holland. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have had the following children: Arthur S., who married Mary Jackson; Stuart, who is deceased; Frank, Luther and Alvin, who reside at home; Maude, who is the wife of H. Marshall, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and has three chil-

dren; Minnie, who married Cloyd Arnold, of Danville, and has one child; Irene, the wife of S. Wintersteen, a farmer, who has two children; and Margaret and Bessie, residing at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cook are members of the Lutheran Church, and are active in its work. He belongs to Masonic Blue Lodge No. 224, at Danville, of which he is a past master, is a member of the chapter at Danville, and also holds membership in the Mechanical Knights, of Maudsle. An active Republican, he always supports his party's issues, and from 1902 to 1908 served as commissioner of Montour county.

STEPHEN C. POHE, of Bloomsburg, one of the young men actively connected with local interests, is a member of a family which has been represented among the substantial citizens of Columbia county for several generations, since the time of his great-great-grandfather. The Pokes have been in America since before the Revolution, George Poe, as the name was formerly spelled, coming to this country from Ireland, and settling at Reading, Berks Co., Pa., where he died. By trade he was a tailor. He was a captain in the Revolutionary war, serving under Washington for seven years. He had four sons: George, John, Ferdinand and Philip.

George Poe, son of George, also served in the Revolutionary war. He lived in Berks county until he removed with his family to Columbia county, where he farmed the rest of his active years. He died at Mifflin and is buried there. His wife was Eva Booth, who was but seven years old when she and her mother were captured by Indians, being held for eleven years, until they made their escape with the aid of a fur trader. Among the children of George and Eva (Booth) Poe were: Mary, Sarah, Katie, Joseph and George, the latter dying young.

Joseph Poe, son of George and Eva, was born Sept. 19, 1790, in Albany township, Berks county, and was a boy of ten years when the family came to Columbia county. At the age of sixteen he was apprenticed to Larry Ruck, of Bloomsburg, to learn shoemaking, and upon completing his apprenticeship went to Mifflinville, borrowed \$10 to buy a kit of tools, and started out as a journeyman, going from house to house to make and mend shoes, as was then the custom. He continued to work at his trade until within a short time of his father's death, although he had prospered to such an extent that he acquired large interests. He had a

hammer handle which had been worn off by his hands in work at his trade. In 1831 he removed from Mifflinville to Centre township, Columbia county, and continued to reside there until his death, dying at one of his farms in 1880, when about ninety years old. Though he lost \$30,000 through the insolvency of some he trusted, he was the owner of nine valuable farms, aggregating 1,000 or 1,100 acres, in Centre and Mifflin townships, Columbia county, all limestone land, and his industry and thrift were proverbial. His first wife, Mary (Polly) Wolf, also of Berks county, was a daughter of John Wolf, and died in 1835, the mother of six children: Katie, Mrs. N. Fleckenstine; George; Maria, Mrs. Jeremiah Hess; Sallie, Mrs. Philip Hess; Stephen; and Joseph, who died young. For his second wife Joseph Poe married Leah Miller, by whom he had two children: Polly (Mrs. John Wolf) and Phebe (Mrs. Samuel Turnbaugh). Six of his children survived him. Mr. and Mrs. Poe are buried side by side in Mifflin graveyard, Mifflin township. He was a Lutheran in religious faith.

Stephen Pohe, son of Joseph, was born Sept. 6, 1825, at the town of Mifflinville, and learned his father's trade. When twenty-one years old he took charge of his father's farm, and later he was extensively engaged in freighting on the canal, operating eight or nine boats between all points for three years, after which for nine or ten years he carried on a boot and shoe business in Mifflin. In 1865 he enlisted for nine months in Company A, 74th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and with which he participated in a number of skirmishes. He was mustered out in October, 1865, and then began farming a tract of 145 acres he owned in Centre township which he continued to operate until his retirement, in 1886. He now makes his home with his son Charles. Mr. Pohe always took an active interest in the administration of local affairs, and in 1879 he received the nomination of the Democratic party for county commissioner, to which office he was elected by a large majority. After completing his term he returned to private life, but in 1884 was again nominated and elected, and served a second term to the entire satisfaction of all concerned, making a reputation for his fearless stand wherever the interests of the people were involved.

In September, 1856, Mr. Pohe married Sarah A. Hess, who was born in Mifflin township in 1833, daughter of Charles H. and Hannah (Helwig) Hess, and died Oct. 4, 1866.



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She was the mother of six children: Francis L., Joseph R. and Charles L. (twins), Alice Eudora, George B. McClellan and Sallie, the last named dying when one year old. In October, 1867, Mr. Pohe married Mrs. Mary A. Hess, sister of his first wife, and widow of Eleaser Hess. She died Aug. 4, 1903, the mother of two children, Seymour and Minnie G.

Charles L. Pohe, son of Stephen, was born March 17, 1859, in Mifflin township, Columbia county, and received his early education in the public schools. Later he attended the Bloomsburg State Normal School, after which he followed farming in Centre township until his marriage. At that time he moved to Catawissa township, where he operated the Helwig farm for three years, at the end of that period buying the Matthew Hartman farm, in that township, a tract of fifty-five acres upon which he lived and worked for five years. He then moved to the town of Catawissa, where he was in the employ of the Reading Railroad Company until 1892. He was also clerk there for I. H. Seesholtz for four years, and during Cleveland's administration became postmaster, serving four years in that office. After that he was with J. A. Guiterman one year as clerk, and for two years was similarly engaged with C. C. Seebold, at Bloomsburg. In 1906 he was elected county commissioner, in which office he served two successive terms, his second ending in 1912, when he bought the property on Shuman street, Catawissa, known as Grange Hall, and engaged there in the general store business. He has a thriving trade, and is one of the popular merchants of the borough. While a resident of Catawissa, Mr. Pohe served as a member of the borough council. In politics he is a Democrat, in religious connection a Lutheran, and he was a member of the church council twenty-seven years. He is a class leader and takes an active part in Sunday school work, being president of the Bible class. He has been a very active member of the Catawissa Grange, No. 216, Patrons of Husbandry, and has been master of that body for five years.

On Nov. 24, 1881, Mr. Pohe married Sarah Jane Yetter, daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Breisch) Yetter, and they have had four children: Elizabeth, who died when two years old; Stephen C.; Mary A., who died when nine months old; and Minnie E., at home.

Stephen C. Pohe, only son of Charles L. Pohe, was born Aug. 8, 1885, at Espy, Columbia county, and received his early education at Catawissa, attending public school. He then

studied at the Potts business college, in Williamsport, Pa., from which he was graduated in 1902, after which he went to Berwick, Pa., and entered the office of the Berwick Light Company, in time becoming assistant to the manager, L. J. Townsend. After the latter's death he was made manager of the plant, in 1907, and held that position for eighteen months, until the company was merged into the concern with which he is now connected, under the name of the Columbia Power, Light & Railways Company, of Bloomsburg. At this time, January, 1909, Mr. Pohe was made superintendent of new business with offices at Bloomsburg, which position he held until September, 1910, at which time he was elected general superintendent of this company. During the year 1912 its interests were purchased by H. D. Walbridge & Co., of New York City, and the company was reorganized, the gas and electric properties under the name of the Columbia & Montour Electric Company, and the railway properties as the North Branch Transit Company, Mr. Pohe becoming general manager of both companies. This position he retained until November, 1913, when the above syndicate acquired the gas and electric properties of what was known as the Northumberland County Gas & Electric Company, covering Sunbury, Selinsgrove, Northumberland and Milton, and the general management of the whole was turned over to him, with offices in Bloomsburg.

Mr. Pohe was one of the twelve central station men who met at Harrisburg in 1907 and organized the Pennsylvania Electric Association, which has to-day a membership of 1,800, representing practically all of the electric light companies throughout the State. He has been active in this association since its organization, and at the convention in Eagles Mere, September, 1914, was elected to the office of vice president.

Mr. Pohe has discharged his responsible duties with entire satisfaction to all concerned, and has made a highly creditable record for the company as well as for himself. He is considered one of the rising young business men of this section, where he is well and favorably known. His religious association is with the Presbyterian Church, and he takes an active part in its work.

On April 16, 1907, Mr. Pohe was married to H. Roberta Bishop, daughter of Mrs. S. A. Bishop.

WILLIAM E. SANDS, a retired farmer of Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in

Greenwood township, that county, March 12, 1843, son of Joseph E. Sands, the builder of the first woolen mill in Greenwood township. The Sands family is of English descent and was first settled in Berks county.

John Sands (the great-great-grandfather of William E.) and his brother Samuel emigrated from England prior to the Revolutionary war, being driven from their native country by religious persecution. Samuel settled on Long Island, where many of his descendants now reside. John located in Berks county, Pa., and among his children was Daniel Sands, the great-grandfather of William E. Daniel Sands resided all of his life in Berks county and was the father of a large family of children, one of whom was John, the grandfather.

John Sands was a miller, and first located at Brown's Mills, Mifflin township, Columbia county, where he followed his trade for a number of years, later operating Cole's Mills, in Pine township. He died in June, 1856, at the age of seventy. His wife was Hannah Eck, of Briarcreek township, and they were the parents of the following children: Anna, wife of Baltis Girtou, who resided in Aledo, Ill.; Emma, who died young; Uzilla, widow of James Strong, who was killed in the blowing up of Fort Fisher during the Civil war; Mary, residing at Orangeville; Horace, a miller of Wyalusing, Bradford Co., Pa., and Joseph E.

Joseph E. Sands, the father of William E., was born in 1811 in Mifflin township, near Brown's Mills, and went to work in the mills at an early age. After becoming thoroughly acquainted with the trade he engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods on his own account. He erected a small mill, operated by waterpower, one mile north of Rohrsburg, and in 1857, when the water supply gave out, built the Sands woolen mills at Mordansville, removed the machinery of the old mill to that location, and successfully followed the business until his death, Feb. 24, 1881. He was on a visit to Philadelphia with his son to purchase goods, when he succumbed to a stroke of apoplexy. Politically he was a Republican, was elected county commissioner in 1875, assisted in supervising the construction of the present county jail, and served in the State militia in 1863. Mr. Sands married Esther, daughter of Reuben Lundy, of Millville, and they had eight children: John, a farmer of Rohrsburg, who died in 1880; Henry Harrison, a veteran of the Civil war; William E.; Thomas E., retired woolen manufacturer and Civil war veteran; Annie Margaret, who

married Webster W. Eves, of Millville; Charles L., proprietor of the Mordansville Woolen Mills; Joseph H., an oil producer, of Bowling Green, Ohio; and James P., deceased.

William E. Sands was educated in the public schools and worked in his father's mills up to the age of twenty, when he enlisted for one year in Company B, 103d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, served out his term, and returned home to enter the woolen mills. After three years there he purchased a farm of seventy acres in Mount Pleasant township, which he cultivated until 1901, when he sold it and retired. His son, Frank M., is now living on the old homestead. On Jan. 31, 1867, Mr. Sands married Ruth Anna, daughter of John and Elizabeth Ale, and to this union were born three children: Harry Grant, a veterinarian, living in Benton, Pa.; Frank M., living in Mount Pleasant township; and Arthur Elroy, a rural mail carrier of Orangeville. The mother died recently. Mr. Sands is a member of Captain Pealer Post, No. 435, G. A. R.

DAVID A. MUNSON, deceased, a farmer of Franklin township, was born in Kingston township, Luzerne county, Pennsylvania, Aug. 17, 1835, and was of German descent. He was noted as having assisted in erecting more schoolhouses than any other man in the county.

Abel Munson, father of David A., was a son of Christian Munson, one of the earliest settlers of Luzerne county, who entered a large tract of land and resided on it until his death. Abel Munson was the father of eight children. His death occurred in an unusual manner. Returning from market one night along Tobey creek, he was driving a pair of horses, one of which was blind; in some manner the blind horse slipped over the bank, the wagon overturned, and Mr. Munson was caught under it. He was discovered the next morning frozen to death and both of the horses drowned. His wife, who was Elizabeth Atherholt, took up the task of rearing the children and under her care David A. remained until manhood.

David A. Munson after attaining his majority bought a farm adjoining that of his father and began to cultivate it. In the spring of 1872 he bought a farm of about 140 acres in Franklin township, where he resided until his death. His mother resided with him. On Dec. 29, 1859, he was married to Louisa, daughter of Hiram and Mary Johnson, natives of Luzerne county, and they had the following children: George S., who married

Lizzie McHenry Feb. 15, 1883; Miner S., who married Rebecca Rider July 4, 1889, and is now cultivating the home farm for his mother; Mary E., wife of Charles E. Bucher, married Dec. 29, 1892; Nelson I.; and Walter S.

Mrs. Munson is now living on the homestead with her son Miner S., and is very active for one of her age. She is a member of the Methodist Church and takes a great interest in the work of the congregation. Her family on her father's side have an interesting history. Her great-grandfather Johnson was a native of Scotland and emigrated to America at an early date. He was at one time captured by Indians while living at Forty Fort, Luzerne county, and was held prisoner for nine months. He finally succeeded in escaping by making his captors drunk.

JAMES JOHNSON, the grandfather of Mrs. Munson, was a native of Connecticut and lived to the age of ninety. He married Hannah Hughes, and both are buried at Forty Fort. Their children were: Henry, Clark, Hiram and Louisa. Hiram Johnson, father of Mrs. Munson, died on the Susquehanna river, while his daughter was but a child.

FRANK S. HARTMAN, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Liberty township, Montour county, was born July 31, 1868, in Hemlock township, Columbia county, where his parents were also born.

Jacob Hartman, the grandfather, was an old settler in Columbia county, having emigrated from Germany while yet a youth. There he married, cultivated the ground and passed to his last rest. His son, Jacob Harris Hartman, born Feb. 10, 1837, on his father's farm, there grew to manhood and followed the ancient occupation of agriculture. After his marriage, June 26, 1865, to Rhoda Irving, born Aug. 30, 1842, daughter of Jacob Irving, he came to Montour county, where he farmed for twenty-five years. After the children had grown to maturity Mr. Hartman returned to Columbia county, where he died March 3, 1914. He and his wife, who died Aug. 5, 1909, are buried at Swenoda, Columbia county. Four of their children are living: Hattie Samantha, born Dec. 2, 1866, wife of Elmer Bogart, of Liberty township; Frank S.; Bruce, born Nov. 5, 1877; and Ray, born Sept. 26, 1886, who lives at Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Frank S. Hartman remained upon the home farm until his twenty-second year and then started out for himself. By 1905 he had accumulated enough money to buy his present farm of 111 acres, and since then he has con-

finied himself to general farming and stock raising, at which he has been very successful. On Dec. 5, 1888, he married Anna, daughter of Aaron and Anna Elizabeth (Corson) Bogart, of Montour county; the father died in 1908 at the age of seventy-seven. Mrs. Hartman was born Oct. 7, 1870, in Liberty township. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman have had children as follows: Ivy Hazel, born June 8, 1890, now the wife of Frank Funk, of Limestone township, has three children, Thelma, Pauline and Myron Lee; Percy Allen, born Dec. 14, 1891, married Nettie Boyer, of Pottsgrove, Pa.; Rhoda Alma, born March 26, 1894, now a school teacher in Liberty township, is a graduate of Pottsgrove high school, and is residing at home; Annabelle, born Sept. 8, 1902, is attending school. Mr. Hartman is a Democrat and a member of the school board of the township. He is an attendant of the Pottsgrove Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Anna Hartman is a granddaughter of Thomas Corson, who married Anna Belle Hendricks. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bogart, had nine children, all of whom are living, viz.: John, who resides at Danville; Thomas, at home; Elmer, of Riverside, who married Harriet Hartman; Sarah Ada, wife of Robert Cornelison; Ellen, wife of William Thomas Madden; Dora, wife of Charles Wintersteen; Etta, wife of Daniel E. Hine; Blanche, wife of Frank Pennybaker; and Anna, wife of Frank S. Hartman.

DANIEL E. HINE, who is engaged in farming and raising stock in Liberty township, Montour county, was born in September, 1867, in Limestone township, that county, son of David and Sarah (Mauser) Hine.

David Hine, father of Daniel E. Hine, is a descendant of an old German family which settled in Pennsylvania at an early date. The original spelling of the name was Hein. He was born in Berks county, and came to Montour county before his marriage, settling at Washingtonville, where for some years he carried on agricultural pursuits. Some twenty years ago he bought a farm near Pottsgrove, Pa., and there he and his wife still reside, being now somewhat retired from active pursuits. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hine: Nora, who is the wife of Aaron Hauty, of Pottsgrove, Pa.; Minnie, who is the wife of Harry Brown; Blanche and Verna, who are living at home; Daniel E.; John, a farmer and lumberman of Mooresburg, Pa.; and Frank.



Daniel E. Hine, son of David Hine, received a common school education, and as a youth secured a position with the Phoenix Bridge Company, for five years operating an engine for that firm on construction work in Montour county. Subsequently he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, and in the spring of 1909 came to the old Bogart homestead, which has been the property of the Bogart family for more than a century. He has carried on general farming and stock raising, and has been uniformly successful in his ventures, being considered one of the substantial citizens of his township.

Mr. Hine was married to Etta Bogart, who was born Sept. 15, 1873, daughter of Aaron and Anna Elizabeth (Corson) Bogart. Mr. Hine is a sturdy Democrat, and has faithfully supported his party's principles and candidates, but has never desired public office. With Mrs. Hine he attends the Lutheran Church at Washingtonville.

AARON BOGART (deceased), who was engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his life in Liberty township, Montour county, Pa., was born June 28, 1830, in that township, son of John and Catherine (Garner) Bogart.

John Bogart, the father, was an old pioneer of Liberty township, and there spent his entire career in farming.

Aaron Bogart, son of John Bogart, received a district school education, was reared to habits of honesty and industry, and on attaining his majority adopted the vocation of farming. After his marriage he was engaged in extensive operations on the old Hendrickson farm, in Liberty township, and there his death occurred in March, 1908. He was a sturdy, dependable man, one who at all times merited the respect and esteem in which he was held by his fellow citizens.

Mr. Bogart was married to Anna Elizabeth Corson, who was born on the old Corson homestead in Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., Dec. 3, 1833, and is still living. She is a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Hendrickson) Corson, the former a native of Berks county, Pa., the latter of near Mooresburg, Pa. Mrs. Corson, who died in 1870, when sixty-four years of age, was a daughter of Abram and Catherine (Vandon) Hendrickson, natives of New Jersey, and early settlers of Montour county. Thomas Corson died in 1885, at the age of seventy-five years.

All the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. Bogart are living: John; Thomas; Elmer;

Sarah Ada, who married Robert Cornelison; Mrs. William Thomas Madden; Mrs. Charles Wintersteen; Mrs. Daniel E. Hine; Mrs. Frank Pennybaker; and Mrs. Frank S. Hartman.

FRANK KIMBLE, of Bloomsburg, until recently proprietor of the "Light Street Hotel," at Light Street, Columbia Co., Pa., was born at Honesdale, Wayne Co., Pa., Oct. 15, 1864, son of Simeon Kimble.

Simeon Kimble was also born at Honesdale, Wayne county, and after he grew to maturity had charge of repairs on the Delaware & Hudson canal, being thus engaged nearly all his life. His death occurred when he was seventy-three years old. He married Margaret Bishop, who died when sixty-three years old, and they had children as follows: Sarah (who died at the age of three years), Albert, Anna, George, William, Charles, Mary and Frank.

Frank Kimble attended the local schools of his native place, and his first employment was as a water boy on the Delaware & Hudson canal. Later he was placed in charge of the locks at Honesdale by the same company, and then went to New York State, where he worked in the stone quarries for a period of two years. Following this he went to Larksville, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he was with the Kingston Coal Company, but leaving that concern he went to Bellevue, Marion Co., Fla., about sixty-five miles from Jacksonville, where he engaged in carpenter work, among other things assisting in building a railroad station at that point. After nine months there he returned to Pennsylvania, and after a short stop at Scranton went back to Luzerne county, where he worked with Grant Williams, a contractor, for two years. His next change was to the Kingston Coal Company. He then returned to the employ of the Delaware & Hudson Canal Company, at Larksville, as repairman, and meanwhile operated a restaurant there for four years. Following this he was with Williams & Stephens for two years, and then coming to Columbia county bought the "Light Street Hotel," on Sept. 15, 1910, and placing it in excellent repair commenced operating it upon a high class scale. Recently he sold the hotel and moved to Bloomsburg, where he has a milk route and conducts a restaurant.

Mr. Kimble married Cora Vannatta, daughter of William and Tilly Vannatta, of Larksville, Pa. Two children have been born to this marriage: Natalie and Margaret. Mr. Kimble belongs to Hillside Lodge, No. 863,

I. O. O. F., of Edwardsville, Luzerne Co., Pa.; is a charter member of Aerie No. 546, F. O. E., of Plymouth, Pa.; a charter member of Washington Camp No. 127, P. O. S. of A., of Larksville, Pa.; and a charter member of Castle No. 69, K. G. E., of Larksville. Politically he is independent.

RANSLO FISTER, proprietor of the Orangeville Poultry Yards, and breeder of White Wyandottes and Rhode Island Reds, was born in Orangeville March 20, 1843, son of William Fister and grandson of Thomas Fister, a German settler of the early days of the development of Columbia county.

Thomas Fister settled in Catawissa when he was a young man and entered the butcher business, which he followed for the rest of his life. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and a Democrat in politics. His children were as follows: Daniel, Jacob, William, Simon, Catherine (wife of Thomas Harder), Elizabeth (wife of John Grotz), and Margaret (who died at the age of forty years).

William Fister was educated in the public schools of Catawissa, where he was born May 20, 1805. He was apprenticed to Eli Thornton, of Bloomsburg, to learn the blacksmith's trade, April 17, 1823, his term of service being three years and one month. After the apprenticeship was completed he moved to Orangeville, and soon after his arrival married Mary Kuder, the following children coming to this union: Susan, who died at the age of seventy-two; Simon, deceased in infancy; and Ranslo. Mrs. Fister died March 21, 1857, at the age of forty-nine. Mr. Fister conducted a lucrative business until his death in December, 1863, at the age of fifty-eight. He was a Democrat and a member of the Reformed Church, in which he had held all the offices. He and his wife are interred in the Orangeville cemetery.

Ranslo Fister was educated in the public schools and the Orangeville Academy and at a select school conducted by Professor Shank. He took up his father's trade of blacksmith, and at the age of twenty, on his father's death, went to Pottsville to work. He was located there only six months when the Civil war broke out, and he at once enlisted in Company E, 3d Pennsylvania Cavalry, Oct. 14, 1864. He was sent to Washington and assigned to the Army of the Potomac, where he was placed in a position where he was required to do skirmishing in the effort to extend the lines. He was next attached to the provost marshal's headquarters, and Aug. 7, 1865, was

mustered out, after having served eleven months. After the war he went to Williamsport and worked at his trade for one and a half years, finally returning to Orangeville in the fall of 1867 and remaining there since.

Mr. Fister was married Jan. 28, 1869, to Caroline, daughter of John and Elizabeth (John) Sterner, and they have had the following children: Burton E., born April 8, 1870, married Della Lunger, and is accountant for the Dupont Powder Company at Scranton; Elizabeth C., born Jan. 5, 1872, married Frederick Martin, of Philadelphia; Laura B., born Nov. 4, 1875, married Charles Oman, of Mt. Pleasant township; Ralph P., born Oct. 6, 1877, married Mame Daubert of Reading, Pa.; Hervey Ray, born Dec. 16, 1879, is a thirty-second-degree Mason, a member of the firm of Stoehr & Fister, furniture merchants of Scranton, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Fister followed the trade of blacksmith until 1909, when he retired. For the last three years he has been interested in the raising of poultry and has been remarkably successful, finding a ready market for all he can produce. He is a Republican in politics, and fraternally is a member of Pealer Post, No. 435, G. A. R., and of Mountain Lodge, No. 264, I. O. O. F., of which he has been a member for forty-seven years and a past grand for forty years.

DAVID MONTGOMERY MILLER, farmer and railroad man, of Main township, Columbia county, was born July 26, 1872, son of Nathan Miller, also a farmer, and descendant of farmers for several generations back.

The Miller family originally came from Berks county, Pa., the great-grandparents of David M. Miller dying in Columbia county, he in the fall of 1862, a number of years after his wife. They are buried in the Union graveyard at Mifflinville. He had an apple distillery on his place in the early days. George Miller, grandfather of David M., married Eva Cocher. They resided in Mifflinville, where both died, the mother in 1863 and the father in 1878, and both were interred in the Union Immanuel churchyard in Main township.

Nathan Miller, son of George and father of David M., was born in Main township, Dec. 24, 1832, and spent his life in this section. In youth he worked on his father's farm, and after his majority he rented land which he farmed for five years. He then went to Centre township, but on his mother's death returned to the home farm. He owned

altogether 242 acres of land. On Nov. 30, 1854, he married Catherine Ann Nuss, a native of the county and daughter of Charles and Chanty (Miller) Nuss, farming people; she is buried in the old cemetery at Mifflinville, and her parents are buried in the Union Immanuel churchyard. Mr. Nuss died in 1877, and his funeral sermon was the first preached in Union Immanuel Church. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had ten children: George A., who married Tenie Constable, and went to Ottawa county, Kansas; Harrison D., of Mifflin township, who married Mary Henry; Lewis H., who married Dell Steeley and settled in Main township; Oscar F., who learned tailoring at Nescopeck, Luzerne county; Nathan B., who became a telegrapher; David Montgomery; Ida Eudora; Ella Catherine; Charles, deceased; and Alice, deceased. Mr. Miller has always been a Democrat and has served as supervisor and in other township offices. He was first a member of the Lutheran denomination, but later united with the Immanuel Union German Reformed Church, which he served as trustee and elder. His wife also belonged to that church. He is now living with his daughter at No. 220 East Fifth street, Catawissa.

David M. Miller was educated in the public schools and worked on the home farm. He has been engaged in railroad work for a number of years. He is an interested church worker. Mr. Miller married Martha Viola Kunkle, who was born Sept. 22, 1876, daughter of William Kunkle, and they have had five children: Hazel A., born April 25, 1898; Asher Leroy, born Nov. 24, 1900; Clyde Leslie, born July 14, 1906; Chester Guy, born Jan. 4, 1908; and one son that died at birth.

William Kunkle, father of Mrs. Miller, was born in the forties, and resides in Roaring-creek township. He is a blacksmith and farmer, and has been a member of the board of supervisors. He is a member of the P. O. S. of A., in religion a Lutheran and in politics a Democrat. His first wife was Sarah Klingerman, and they had one child, Martha Viola, mentioned above, born Sept. 22, 1876. By his second marriage, to Martha Schlerther, he had six children: George Washington, who died unmarried; Elias; Cornelius; Sevilla, wife of George Yohey; Samuel, who married Caroline Hender; and Hector, who married Emma Williams.

WILLIAM KELLER, who is now living retired at Catawissa, after fifty years' service for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Com-

pany, was born Feb. 15, 1839, at Mainville, Pa., son of Elias, grandson of Elias and great-grandson of Peter Keller, all of Lehigh county, Pennsylvania.

Elias Keller, grandfather of William, was a son of Peter Keller, a resident of Lehigh county, and married Rosanna Kostenbauder about 1800, moving to Mainville, where he followed the trade of carpenter. He died at Port Carbon, Pa., and his wife in Schuylkill county. Both were members of the Lutheran Church. Their children were: Elias; Charles, living in Nebraska; Jacob, living in Columbia county; William, living in Schuylkill county; and Mary, who lived and died in Columbia county.

Elias Keller was born in Lehigh county, Pa., educated in the German and English schools, and learned the carpenter's trade. He was a pioneer builder of coal breakers in Schuylkill county, but in the later years of his life retired to a farm, where his death occurred at the age of eighty-six. His wife, Sarah Newberry, was a native of Columbia county, and died on the home farm in Locust township at the age of seventy-six. She was a member of the Reformed Church, he of the Lutheran. Their children were: Daniel, a farmer, who died in Schuylkill county, married Mary Bankus; Peter, living in Ashland, Pa., married Sarah Zimmermann (he was a member of Company I, 48th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served in the Army of the Potomac for four years); William is mentioned below; Mary, wife of Charles Kiser, is living in Montour county; Hannah, deceased, married Elias Faust and (second) Lewis Berilheimer, the latter living in Schuylkill county; Rosanna, deceased, married William Blue, of Schuylkill county; Josiah, a veteran of the Civil war, married Hannah Gearhart, was employed by the Pennsylvania and Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Companies, and is now living at Catawissa; Sarah became the wife of James Robison, of Bloomsburg; Angeline became the wife of Joseph Blue, of Schuylkill county; Louise, deceased, married Joseph Hotchkins, of Tamaqua, Pa.; Almira, deceased, married Theo. Lindermath, of Mauch Chunk, Pa.; Kate is the widow of Abner Lewis, of Mausdale, Pa.; Charles is living in the West; Savilla, who married Albert Henry and (second) John Herron, is living in Tamaqua.

William Keller had a common school education and lived at home until 1859, when he went to Mooresburg and entered the service on the old Catawissa railroad as track repair

man. He remained with the railroad company until February, 1864, when he enlisted in Company F, 12th Pennsylvania Cavalry, at Danville, Pa., being sent from there to Martinsburg, W. Va., to join his regiment. On Nov. 12, 1864, he was taken prisoner near Charleston, S. C., and was sent to Libby prison, where he was held nine days, being then transferred to Salisbury, N. C., where he remained three months. He was then sent to Camp Parole, Maryland, where he obtained a furlough and returned home, there being stricken by typhoid fever and remaining ill for a long time. Returning to Camp Parole June 1, 1865, he was discharged on the 3d of that month and again went home. In July of the same year he entered the service of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, and in 1873 was made supervisor of a division, holding the position until 1884. He afterwards held the post of watchman at Catawissa for the same road seven years, and on March 1, 1909, was retired on a pension, after fifty years' service.

Mr. Keller was married, Jan. 8, 1861, to Lavina Knerr, daughter of Andrew and Mary Knerr, of Montour county, Pa. Mr. Knerr, who was a dyer by trade, lived and died in Mooresburg. His children were: David, Andrew, Benjamin, Betty, Emma, Polly, Katherine, Hattie, Sarah, Lucy and Lavina, all now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Keller have had a large family: George W., who married Belle Natress, was clerk and is now conductor for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company at Catawissa; Mary Ellen married Hayden Hughes, and both are now deceased; Sallie died at the age of eight years; Kate and Harry died in infancy; Frank, who married Mamie Berger, is an engineer for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company and lives at Tamaqua; Annie is the wife of Elmer Mensch, a conductor on the Philadelphia & Reading road, living at Tamaqua; Lizzie, wife of James Rinker, a flagman on that road, lives at Catawissa; Emma, widow of Alfred Geiger, a brakeman on the same road, lives at Catawissa; Amanda died young; Ida L. is the wife of Edward Dieterick, of Catawissa; Ralph, who married Elsie Warg, was with the P. S. & N. R. R. Company and the Philadelphia & Reading Company, and is now living in St. Marys, Pa., where he is employed by the Fire Proofing Company.

William Keller is a well preserved man for his age, is a great reader, and keeps posted on all the topics of the times. He has a host of warm friends in this section of the State, is

a member of Hoagland Post, No. 170, G. A. R., and has held all the offices in the post. Mrs. Keller died Aug. 13, 1910, at the age of seventy-seven, and was buried in the cemetery at Catawissa. She had been a member of St. Matthew's Evangelical Church for thirty-four years, and Mr. Keller also attends services there.

C. W. RICHIE, employed in the molding department of the Harman & Hassert foundry, Bloomsburg, Pa., received a common school education, and when young learned the trade of molder, in which he has become very expert. He stands high in the estimation of his employers and fellow workmen.

Mr. Richie married Mary L. Wolf, daughter of John H. and Louisa (Heck) Wolf.

John H. Wolf, father of Mrs. Richie, was born in Bucheneu, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, May 23, 1827, son of Henry and Magdalena (Schen) Wolf. The father followed farming in his native land until coming to this country. The mother died in December, 1853, and in 1857 the father came to this country and located in Luzerne county, Pa. He died at Fillmore, Carbon county, in 1884.

John H. Wolf was reared to a farm life, and received a good education in his native town. He became an agent for a wine house, in whose interest he traveled through a number of German States and into France. In 1851 some young friends of his came to America and located at Hazleton, Pa., and as they wrote back favorable accounts of the country across the ocean he was induced to come to the New World. In 1853 he went to Bremen in company with friends and relatives, and took passage on a sailing vessel bound for New York, which he reached after a tedious voyage of fifty-eight days, there being little or no wind. Arriving, he went directly to Luzerne county, Pa., where he was engaged in the mines for six years, and then came to Montour county. Here he bought a farm of forty acres in West Hemlock township, where he remained, farming until 1871, when he moved to the old Paxton place of 148 acres in Mount Pleasant township, which he bought in 1881. He was married at Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa., in 1854, to Louisa Heck, a native of Diedenshausyn, Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, and a daughter of Michael and Catherine Heck. She came to this country on the same ship with Mr. Wolf. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf became the parents of nine children: John J., who married Willetta Brumstetler (he is a graduate of the State

Normal School at Bloomsburg); Henry C., who married Mary Shive; William; Otto; Frank; Kate, married to Isaiah Howell, in Mount Pleasant township, this county; Mary L.; Lizzie, and Lillie. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf are members of the Lutheran Church. He served as supervisor of Mount Pleasant township, taking an active interest in public affairs and holding some official position almost from the time he came to this country. He was seventeen years in the church council, and a short time after coming to this country was elected school director, to which he refused a reelection after holding the position eight years; in 1885 was elected supervisor. He was a member of Light Street Grange, No. 31, P. of H.

J. J. WILLIAMS, a prominent citizen of Bloomsburg, Pa., was born May 5, 1883, and is a member of the firm of J. S. Williams & Son. He was educated in the public and high schools of Bloomsburg, and at the age of eighteen entered the auction business with his father. That he has advanced to the top in the profession is shown by some of the large sales he has handled, some of the largest in the county, among them the Freeze estate, Wynkoop estate and the Pioneer farm of Benton. Every year he sells sixteen carloads of horses for H. H. Wilson of Williamsport, Pa., and he has made sales for the P. G. Waldron Horse Company, Buffalo, N. Y., for whom he has done business for four years; G. E. Bates, Williamsport, five years; George Collins, Syracuse, N. Y., four years; Grant Shuster, of Indiana, five years; Pomeroy Horse Company, St. Louis, eight years. He has had charge of the auctioning at the farm sale of Stearns & Stearns, Williamsport; the John Else Thomas farm; the Cloverdale Stock farm, Conyngnam; General Oliver sale of horses, wagons and harness; and McKelvey estate, "Exchange Hotel," "Central Hotel," and Knorr estate, all of Bloomsburg.

Mr. Williams is a Democrat and active in the work of the party, and a member of the Catholic Church. He married Louise Rheen, daughter of William J. and Harriet (Kissner) Rheen of Pine Summit, Jordan township, just across the line in Lycoming county, and they have one child, Harriet Margaret, born March 13, 1906.

MICHAEL GALLAGHER, late of Danville, Montour county, was a son of Francis Gallagher, a farmer, who married Catherine

Lawler. She belonged to an old Irish family on her mother's side.

Michael Gallagher was born in the North of Ireland, and died in Danville, Montour Co., Pa., in 1895, aged sixty-seven years. Coming to Danville he secured employment at the old iron works, and spent his remaining years as keeper at the several furnaces belonging to the company. As he was not much more than twenty years old when he arrived at Danville, he lived there for nearly forty-seven years, and became well known at the iron works. Reared a Catholic, he was a member of St. Joseph's parish of Danville, and faithful to his religion. Mr. Gallagher took no interest in politics.

Mr. Gallagher married Mary Clifford, a native of Ireland, daughter of Patrick and Catherine (McCaffrey) Clifford, both of whom died in that country. Mr. Clifford was a linen weaver, and died when Mrs. Gallagher was a child. She was sixteen years old when she came to America, and made the journey from Pottsville, Pa., to Danville by stage. Michael Gallagher and his wife had eight children, as follows: Catherine is the widow of P. H. McCaffery, of Danville, and has children Frank and Hugh; Rose A. was for twenty-nine years a teacher in Danville, one of the oldest in the borough, is a devout Catholic and has been treasurer of the Rosary Society of St. Joseph's Church; Sarah V. is the wife of Patrick T. Griffin, living on the old homestead, and their children are Mary and Francis; Mary Ellen, who is the wife of Charles Beyer, has two children, Helen and Felicitas; Francis, Patrick, Peter and Mary are deceased. Mrs. Gallagher died Dec. 30, 1905, aged seventy-four years.

SETH C. LORMER, formerly overseer of the poor at Danville, was born in that borough March 6, 1861, son of Thomas Lormer. Joseph Lormer, his grandfather, was one of the early settlers at Danville.

Thomas Lormer was a worker in the old Waterman & Beaver iron rolling mills, later the Reading Iron Company, where he remained all of his mature life. He married Abbie Freeze, who died when her son Seth C. was five years old. He and his brother William, of Sunbury, Pa., were the only children of their parents.

Seth C. Lormer worked in the rolling mills for a year during his boyhood, and then going to one of the Western States remained away from Danville for two years, following which he lived retired until he took the office of over-

seer of the poor in 1909. His term expired in January, 1914.

Mr. Lormer was married to Rebecca B. Stroh, who was born in Danville, in July, 1861, daughter of David F. Stroh, who was born at Danville, N. Y., and was brought by his parents to Danville, Northumberland Co., Pa., the trip, which was taken in wagons drawn by oxen, consuming two weeks. He was one of a family of five sons. He became a millwright, and then a carpenter and builder at Danville, Montour county, and with a brother built the present Reading mills, and was also prominent in other ways, helping to found the Pine Street Lutheran Church of Danville. David F. Stroh married Christina Voris, and they had three children: Edwin V., who lives at home; Charles H., now deceased, who lived at Buffalo; and Mrs. Lormer. Mr. Stroh died Dec. 6, 1894, aged sixty-four years. Mr. and Mrs. Lormer became the parents of two children: Gordon B., who is in the railroad service, married Bertha Jones; Margaret died young.

Mr. Lormer was reared in the Methodist Church, but now with his wife belongs to the Pine Street Lutheran Church. He belongs to Montour Castle, Knights of the Golden Engle, and to Washington Hose Company, No. 2; he was formerly a member of the Washington Drum Corps and for eight years was in the Citizens' band of Danville. Politically Mr. Lormer is a Republican. His services in the office of overseer of the poor were so efficient as to commend him to the people of the community, his sympathy and wise judgment having been exerted always in behalf of the unfortunates of the county under his care.

**MRS. SARAH CATHERINE CANOUSE** was born May 10, 1844, daughter of Reuben Bower and granddaughter of George Michael Bower, and descended from an old family of German emigrants. Her genealogy in America is as follows:

(I) John Bower was born in Germany, emigrated to America in his youth and settled on a farm in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., where he passed the remainder of his life. He and his wife were members of the German Lutheran Church, and are buried in the cemetery attached to the old Brick Church in that township. The following were their children: Jacob, who married Catherine Zimmerman; Solomon, who married Mary Evans; Abraham, who married Nellie Remley; Daniel; Esther, wife of Bastian Kinter; Philipena,

wife of David Whitmire; and George Michael.

(II) George Michael Bower, Sr., was born in Briarcreek township, received a fair education, and learned the trade of weaver. He acquired a tract of fifty-three acres, upon which he raised his own flax, from which he wove carpets and linens. He was a Democrat and a member of the United Evangelical Church. He died at the age of eighty-one, his wife, who preceded him about four years, reaching the age of sixty-eight years. By his union with Margaret, daughter of George and Annie (Zimmerman) Zener, he had the following children: Sarah, wife of William Whitmire; Isaac, who married Elizabeth Dietterick; Reuben, who married Mary Elizabeth Dietterick; Samuel, who married Sarah Wright; Daniel, first married to Julia Remley and second to Mary Remley; Hannah, wife of Henry Martz; George Michael; Catherine, wife of Charles Whitmire; Enos, who died at the age of sixteen; and Isaiah, who married Hannah Hagenbuch.

(III) Reuben Bower, son of George Michael, received his education in the old pay schools of Briarcreek township, and except for one year labored among the surrounding farmers until his marriage. He came to Briarcreek township when Mrs. Canouse was seven years old and bought a small farm of thirty acres, which he never increased, but succeeded in supporting his family as well upon this limited space as his neighbors did on their hundreds of acres. He was born April 18, 1814, and died Oct. 10, 1886. Mr. Bower married Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Adam and Mary (Freeman) Dietterick, and they had children as follows: Freeman, deceased, who married Mercy Ann Dietterick and (second) Sarah Wenner, also deceased; Emanuel, who died at the age of twenty-two; Sarah Catherine; George Wilson; Anna Mahala, who married Frank Fowler, of Berwick; and Levina, who married William Kline, of Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Bower was a Democrat and served as supervisor for many years. He was a member of the United Evangelical Church and a very active church worker. He and his wife are buried near Evansville.

Sarah Catherine Bower was educated in the schools of Briarcreek township and "worked out" until her marriage, in 1865, to David Moses Canouse. By this union there were eleven children: (1) Reuben Woodward, born Dec. 23, 1865, is a farmer in Salem township, Luzerne county. He married Emma Miller. (2) Mary Elizabeth, born July

28, 1868, married Daniel Keck, of North Berwick. (3) Levi Davis, born Aug. 8, 1870, married Susan Cope, and is farming in Salem township. (4) Edwin Swengle, born Oct. 28, 1872, married Mary Stout. He is a wheel molder in the car works. (5) Harry William Buck, born May 26, 1874, employed as a core-maker, married Martha Kishbaugh. (6) Martha Cedella, born Dec. 22, 1876, married Frank Keck, who is deceased. (7) Kinney Adams, born March 27, 1879, died April 3, 1892. (8) Sterling Dickson, born Sept. 24, 1881, married Edna Smith. He is a mine wheel molder. (9) James Wilson, born June 1, 1883, married to Annie Birt, conducts a barber shop in Berwick. (10) Hannah Grace, born March 28, 1885, died May 21, 1901. (11) Franklin Pursel, born Jan. 30, 1887, is a machinist. Mrs. Canouse is now a member of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church of Berwick.

Levi Canouse, father of David M., was born in Luzerne county, Pa., and died in January, 1893, aged over eighty-seven years. He was a tinsmith by trade and traveled a great deal. In Wyoming county he married Hannah LaFrance, and they had the following children: James married Mary McNally, of Wilkes-Barre; Daniel Hillman married Eliza Beldin, deceased, and he is living in Wyoming county; Annie Cordelia married Charles Deavens, of Forty Fort, Luzerne county; David Moses is mentioned below. Levi Canouse moved to Briarcreek and settled at Summerhill, where he followed his trade until his death. He is buried at Summerhill and his wife at Forty Fort.

DAVID MOSES CANOUSE was born Nov. 25, 1841, in Wyoming county, Pa., where he obtained part of his schooling, continuing it in Briarcreek township, Columbia County, Pa. He worked on a farm until he was nineteen and then went to iron molding in the wheel foundry of the Jackson & Woodin Company, where he was in continuous service for forty-six years, remaining at the plant when it passed into the ownership of the American Car and Foundry Company. When he became too old to work at the trade he was made cupola tender, which position he held until his death. He was a Democrat in early years, but joined the Prohibitionists ten years before his death. He was a member of the Berwick Beneficial Association and of the United Evangelical Church, taking a great interest in the work of the church, and for a number of years serving as superintendent of the Sunday school.

ALFRED HAWLEY ARMSTRONG was born May 10, 1882, on his grandfather's farm just outside of Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa. This farm consisted of two hundred acres, and he now owns personally twenty-five acres of the tract. He attended the Third street school of Bloomsburg for two years and then the State Normal School, where he prepared for college and finished in 1902. His first position was on the engineering corps of the new Susquehanna, Bloomsburg & Berwick Railroad Company, for six months during 1903, after which he went with the Bell Telephone Company as new business representative. Later in that year he left the Bell Telephone Company and went to Williamsport in the interest of the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, and returned to Bloomsburg on Jan. 1, 1904, as circulation and advertising manager of the *Bloomsburg Daily*. He left this position in September, 1904, and joining S. H. Harman helped form the Harman Advertising Agency. Two years later the firm was consolidated with the Trolley Car Advertising Company of Scranton, and became the Pennsylvania Railways Advertising Company, with offices in Bloomsburg, Scranton and New York. A year later Mr. Harman sold his interest, the Bloomsburg office was closed, and Mr. Armstrong went to Scranton as advertising manager of the company, remaining there until July, 1909, at which time he went to New York City as New York State representative of the Street Railways Advertising Company of New York City. In February, 1913, he was made New York City representative of the S. R. A. Company, and in October of the same year went to the Chicago office of the same company to handle the national business of the Chicago office. In October, 1913, he returned to Bloomsburg and organized the A. H. Armstrong Company, to handle street railway advertising in the East, and in January, 1914, he became vice president of the McBee Service Corporation, with offices in Chicago. Both of these companies are still in existence.

On July 1, 1909, with L. W. Buckalew, Mr. Armstrong formed a partnership in Bloomsburg to sell shoes, the firm being known as Buckalew and Company. This company bought out and took over the shoe business of W. H. Moore. In August, 1913, Mr. Buckalew purchased Mr. Armstrong's interest in the shoe business.

Mr. Armstrong is independent in politics, an Episcopalian, and is a member of Washington Lodge and Caldwell Consistory, of

Bloomsburg, and of the Elks Lodge, No. 436, of that town, as well as the Royal Arcanum.

**WILLIAM J. MANSFIELD**, retired contractor and lumber dealer, of Berwick, Pa., was born at Allentown, this State, Sept. 5, 1849, son of Stephen and Elizabeth (Craig) Mansfield.

Jared Mansfield, the paternal grandfather of William J. Mansfield, was a native of Connecticut, of English ancestry as was also his wife, who bore the maiden name of Eunice Jennings. They spent their lives in Connecticut, where Mr. Mansfield carried on farming operations, and were the parents of three children, all of whom are now deceased.

Stephen Mansfield, son of Jared, and father of William J. Mansfield, was born in Connecticut, and came to eastern Pennsylvania as a peddler, wholesaling notions from town to town, with headquarters at Easton. During the early forties, he came to Berwick, Columbia county, and subsequently went to Allentown, where his son was born. In his later life he returned to his native State, where he passed his last years in agricultural pursuits, his death occurring during the early eighties. His wife passed away June 22, 1875. Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield were the parents of four children: Eunice married Frederick A. Sawyer, of Alabama, at one time assistant United States treasurer, but now deceased, and she died at Los Angeles, Cal.; Frances A., who died in 1912, was the wife of Sulana De-Magalhaes, a Brazilian resident of Philadelphia; John Clark is in the employ of the Philadelphia *North American*; William James completes the family.

John Clark Mansfield was born Feb. 22, 1848, and spent his early years on a Connecticut farm. In 1862 he removed to Pennsylvania, where he entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Company, there learning the trade of machinist. Returning to New Haven, Conn., he enlisted in the Union army for service during the Civil war, and while participating in battle at Newbern, N. C., was taken prisoner, and for eighteen days was confined in Libby prison. He was then exchanged, rejoined his regiment, and fought valiantly during the remainder of the war. In 1867 he went to sea, and for five years was on the Australian coast, engaged in whaling. He then shipped to New York City, and while on the journey was lost overboard, but subsequently rescued. After spending some time in New York City, he came to Berwick, Pa., and eventually went to Texas, where he was a rail-

road engineer. Returning to Pennsylvania he located in Philadelphia, where for several years he was in the employ of the City Railroad Company. He then turned his attention to newspaper work, and for several years has been on the staff of the Philadelphia *North American*. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and one of the past commanders of his post.

John Craig, the maternal great-grandfather of William J. Mansfield, was born in Ireland, and came to America with English troops just at the close of the Revolutionary war, hostilities ending just too soon for him to participate in that struggle. He was a farmer by occupation, and coming to Columbia county at an early day continued to follow that vocation throughout his life. He married Elizabeth Ashby, whose parents were of English ancestry.

John Craig, son of John Craig, above, and grandfather of William J. Mansfield, was born in Philadelphia, and spent the greater part of his life in Columbia county, Pa. He was a cabinetmaker by calling. He married Mary Engle, who was born at Briar Creek, Columbia Co., Pa., and whose father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and they became the parents of four sons and four daughters, of whom the only one living is Mahala Craig, who now resides at the home of her nephew, Mr. Mansfield.

William J. Mansfield was educated in the public schools of Berwick, and in his youth learned the trade of printer, which he finished in Boston. For some time he was employed in the East, and then returned to Berwick and learned the painter's trade, which he followed in that city for several years. His next venture was in the mercantile line, in which he was engaged for two years at Luzerne, at the end of that time returning to Berwick, where he conducted a general store until 1887, when he closed out and again engaged in house painting. In 1895 he embarked in the lumber business as a contractor, and in this he continued for some years, but is now retired. An able business man, he made a success of his enterprises, and is rated among the substantial men of his borough.

On Dec. 16, 1876, Mr. Mansfield was married to Margaret A. Sponsler, who was born at Salem, Luzerne Co., Pa., daughter of Jacob and Susan (Seybert) Sponsler. Mrs. Sponsler was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and her husband was one of the pioneers of Columbia county. He was a molder by trade, an occupation which he followed for



several years in his early life, but subsequently became a merchant, and conducted a general store at Lime Ridge for many years. He lived retired for several years prior to his death, which took place in 1894, when he was seventy-four years of age. Mrs. Sponsler died in 1862, in her thirty-sixth year. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Anna, who is the widow of Jeremiah Walp, of Lime Ridge, Pa.; Lottie, who became the wife of George Carey; Margaret A., Mrs. Mansfield; William C., who is engaged in farming in Briarcreek township, married to Carrie Hughes, of Luzerne, Pa.; Mary J., deceased; and George E., who bought his father's business at Lime Ridge (he married Florence Montgomery, of Mifflin, Pa., who is now deceased).

Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield: William J., who died in infancy; Raymond S.; Arthur B., who is deceased; and Walter S., who is a musician, having taken up musical work as a profession. Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield are members of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and to the encampment and canton; to Camp No. 105, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and the Commandery; to Camp No. 10, P. O. of A.; and to Lodge No. 1138, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, at Berwick.

**ROBINSON.** The Robinson family is closely associated not only with the pioneer history of Montour county, Pa., but also with more recent events, there being many substantial representatives of the name in this locality, especially in Liberty township.

Joseph Robinson was born in Lancaster county, Pa., Oct. 4, 1784, and died Oct. 13, 1876. With his twin brother, James Robinson, he came to Montour county and took up a large amount of land, a portion of which is included in the farm now owned by John M. Robinson. The Robinsons were the first to locate on or near Montour Ridge. Joseph Robinson married Esther Barkley, who was born Oct. 8, 1786, in Ireland.

Andrew Barkley Robinson, a son of Joseph Robinson, was born in Lancaster county, Pa., and was ten years old when the family came to Montour county, so that he grew up amid pioneer conditions in this locality, and in time became one of the substantial agriculturists of Liberty township. During all of his mature years he operated the homestead secured by his father. His death occurred in 1899, when

he was eighty-six years old. His wife, Margaret (Sawyer) Robinson, was born in Montour county, Pa., a daughter of William Sawyer and his wife Margaret (Pettigrew), who were natives of England. Mrs. Robinson died in 1886, aged seventy-two years. Andrew Barkley Robinson and his wife had seven children: One who is deceased was named for the father, the others being: William M., who was the eldest; Emily Jane, who is the widow of Peter Shapbell; Anna L., who is the wife of James S. Middleton, of Milton, Pa.; Joseph M., who is farming; Harriet E., who is the widow of David Martin Umstead, residing on the homestead, as is Thomas.

**WILLIAM M. ROBINSON**, a retired farmer of Liberty township, was born in that township, on the home place, Oct. 21, 1838. After growing up on the farm and attending the schools of his district he went to Maudsley, Pa., where for three years he worked at flour milling, learning the trade. He then left for the coal regions, but finally went into lumber contracting and so continued for twenty years, at the same time becoming interested in agricultural pursuits, conducting his present farm, which he purchased in 1898. On it he has carried on general farming and fruit growing. During the Columbian Exposition at Chicago in 1893, Mr. Robinson exhibited grain for which he received a diploma and a copper medal in an aluminum case, his being the best sample of grain from Montour county, Pennsylvania.

By his first marriage, to Susan Moses, daughter of Samuel Moses, William M. Robinson had no children. His second union was with Susan Herr, who was born Feb. 18, 1842, in Derry township, daughter of Abram and Lucy (Snyder) Herr. Children as follows have been born to them: Edwin H., born Dec. 29, 1872, on the home place, now a stock dealer, married Anna I. Bennett, born Oct. 17, 1876, in Liberty township, daughter of Charles F. and Elizabeth I. (Wykoff) Bennett; their children are Edna Fay, Alma May and William D. William Sawyer is superintendent of the borough school at Taylor, Pa. David M., who is professor of mathematics at Bayonne, N. J., married Bessie Raup. Mabel F. married Stewart Murray, an electrician, of Milton, Pa., and they have a daughter, Mildred; prior to her marriage, for six years, Mrs. Murray was a school teacher.

William M. Robinson was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church. In fraternal matters he affiliates with the Masons, belonging to Danville Lodge No. 224, F. & A. M. Politically he is a Democrat, and in addition

to being a judge of election upon numerous occasions he has served for three years as county auditor. It was William M. Robinson who agitated and carried through to successful completion the movement for rural free delivery, securing the first route in Montour county out of Danville, which passed through Liberty township. Throughout his long and useful life. Mr. Robinson has striven to do his full duty, and not only has succeeded in advancing his own interests but those of his community as well, fully earning the respect in which he is held by the many who have the honor of his acquaintance.

The Pettigrew family, which is associated with this branch of the Robinsons, also has an interesting history. Representatives of this old family located in Montour county as early as 1774, and on some of the oldest transfers and patents of this part of the State occurs the name of Charles Bibble, who made a transfer of 260 acres of land for a consideration of twenty-six pounds to John Clark and Margaret Pettigrew. These records are to be found in the general recorder's office at Philadelphia. The Robinson family is connected with the Clark family as it is with the Pettigrew family, all three having intermarried in the early days.

MRS. HARRIET EFFIE (ROBINSON) UMSTEAD, who is living on the Robinson homestead in Liberty township, is a daughter of Andrew Barkley Robinson, and was born Sept. 7, 1847, on the farm now her home. In 1875 she married David Martin Umstead, who was born Oct. 14, 1849, in Derry township, Montour Co., Pa. Mr. Umstead was a son of Martin and Hannah (Tanner) Umstead, the former coming to Derry township with his parents when a boy. Although a wagonmaker by trade, Mr. Umstead farmed, operating his property of 175 acres, which he devoted to general farming and timbering, and at the same time he and his brother raised a large amount of stock. Mr. Umstead was a member of the Reformed Church, and died firm in its faith Dec. 6, 1886. In politics he was a staunch Republican, and he held a number of the township offices. He was manly and upright, and had many friends who joined with his family in mourning his demise. His family, while not as old a one in Montour county as the Robinsons, is highly respected.

Joseph Robinson, son of Joseph Robinson, the founder of the Robinson family in Montour county, was born on the present Robinson homestead in Liberty township, Sept. 1,

1815. When he was twenty-three years old he settled on a farm called Chestnut Grove in Liberty township, where he died Aug. 2, 1900. He married Jerusha McCracken, who was born in 1813, a daughter of James and Anna (Van Horn) McCracken. There are eight living children of the family born to this union: Anna, who is the widow of Jonas Raup, of Danville, Pa.; Hettie, unmarried, residing at Bloomsburg, Pa.; Mary, wife of Peter Fisher, of Danville; Richard M. J., of Milton, Pa.; John M., who is mentioned at length below; James, who is of Bloomsburg, Pa.; Alfred M., of Danville; and Joseph, of Mooresburg, Pennsylvania.

JOHN M. ROBINSON, a retired farmer and justice of the peace of Liberty township, Montour Co., Pa., was born Jan. 8, 1845, on the Chestnut Grove farm. After living with his parents for some years, assisting them and receiving but few educational advantages, he went to live with his grandfather, remaining with the latter until his death, when he inherited his present property. He has the title deed to the property dated 1792, signed by George W. McKean. Since coming into possession of this farm Mr. Robinson has supervised it and until recently been active in its operation. For eighteen years, from the time he was twenty-three years old, he taught school during the winter terms, and is a man of wide reading and scholarly training.

On March 28, 1871, John M. Robinson married Mary Thornton, born April 11, 1851, in Northumberland county, Pa., daughter of Edward and Leah (Ernst) Thornton, of Columbia county, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson became the parents of children as follows: Leah married Charles E. Giger, a weaver, of Bloomsburg, Pa., and they have one child, Arzella, aged nine years; George W., who is employed in the tube mills at Danville, Pa., married Dola Chapman, and their children are Lionel, Ava and Ethel; Clarence, who married Elizabeth Richards, resides with his father, operating the homestead; Amy J. married John Sholly, a farmer of Milton, Pa., and has children Arlene and Edith.

John M. Robinson was reared in the Methodist Church and was one of the trustees of the church of that denomination at Mooresburg. A Democrat, he has held the office of justice of the peace for sixteen years, and for several terms was assessor of his township. In his political faith he followed in the footsteps of his father, who was one of the best known Democrats of this part of the State. Mr. Robinson in his declining years enjoys the

comforts provided by his industrious habits and careful saving. Both as a private citizen and a public official he has proved himself a man of stability and high moral worth.

James Robinson, son of Joseph Robinson, the founder of the Robinson family in Montour county, was born on the present Robinson homestead, which has been in the possession of this family for so many years. In boyhood he worked as a farmer, but later was a teamster for Waterman & Beaver, when they built the iron works at Danville. Subsequently he mined at the old Liberty furnace in Liberty township, Montour county, and then moving to the farm of fifty-nine acres he had bought, he spent the remainder of his life upon it, dying there in December, 1897, aged seventy-seven years. The property was sold after the death of his wife.

James Robinson married Elizabeth Sawyer, born in Liberty township, a daughter of William and Margaret (Slayman) Sawyer. Mrs. Robinson died Aug. 2, 1907, aged eighty-eight years, at her son Joseph's home, where she had lived for eight months. Of the five children born to James Robinson and wife but two are living: Joseph Jackson and John, the latter a carpenter of Milton, Pennsylvania.

JOSEPH JACKSON ROBINSON, son of James Robinson, now a retired farmer of Liberty township, was born Oct. 8, 1848, in Roaring Creek township, Columbia Co., Pa. Owing to the scarcity of good schools in that day he received but little educational training, and after farming until he was seventeen years old he learned the carpenter's trade at Milton and Danville, assisting in the construction of many buildings at the latter place. In 1880, however, he came to his present farm of forty-five acres. He also owns another tract of 141 acres. During the time he was actively operating this farm he made a specialty of registered Jersey cattle.

Joseph Jackson Robinson married Anna B. Moser, who was born Aug. 4, 1850, and died Jan. 29, 1908. She was one of a family of seven children born to her parents, of whom but two survive: Catherine, who is the widow of David Wintersteen, of Valley township; and Daniel Moser, who resides in Illinois. Mrs. Robinson was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church and was a good Christian woman. She bore her husband the following children: Charles D., who is with his father, operating the homestead farm, is unmarried; Hettie Elizabeth married Calvin Johnson, who resides in Milton, and they have one child,

Anna May; Warren Robinson, who is unmarried, is a druggist, residing at Connellsville, Pa. Mrs. Robinson was tenderly laid to rest in the beautiful Harmony cemetery at Milton, Pa. Mr. Robinson is a Democrat, but aside from being a school director he has never been willing to accept office; for five of the seven years he was on the board he acted as its president.

Like the other members of the Robinson family, in all its branches, Joseph Jackson Robinson is a man of probity, taking pleasure and pride in maintaining the high standard set by his forebears, and he has reared his children in the same manner he was brought up. Although not a member of any religious denomination, he inclines toward the Methodist Church, in which he was reared.

The Robinson family came originally from Ireland, and although there are several generations between the emigrant ancestor and the present day representatives of the name they retain many of the excellent characteristics of those sturdy people, which combined well with those inherited from other stock with which the Robinsons have intermarried.

JOHN DODSON, late of Berwick, Columbia county, was born in Yorkshire, England, Sept. 13, 1838, son of James Dodson.

James Dodson died in England. He was the father of fourteen children, and John was the last survivor of the family and the only one to come to the United States.

John Dodson left his native land when only fifteen years old, and landing at New York City proceeded at once to Jamaica, L. I., but remained there only a short time. Leaving that city he went to Farmingdale, N. Y., and at that place learned the trade of painter, which he followed with such marked success. Completing his apprenticeship he went to Trenton, N. J., to work on the statehouse which was then in process of construction. He also worked at brushmaking in the same city, spending in all two years at Trenton. Just prior to leaving there he worked in the rolling mills for a short time. At the expiration of the two years he went to Philadelphia and from there after a short time to Phoenixville, Pa., still later moving to Danville, in which city he arrived in 1857, there following his trade. Leaving Danville he went to Bloomsburg, Pa., where he spent seven years, and finally he settled at Berwick, where he remained until his death, Nov. 23, 1914. He became a painting contractor, and built up a large business.

While Mr. Dodson was a resident of Danville the Civil war was declared, and he enlisted in the Union army in 1863 in Conklin's Guards, in time to participate in the battle of Gettysburg. At the expiration of his period of service he reenlisted, on Sept. 10, 1864, in the 1st Pennsylvania Light Artillery, under Colonel Ricketts, and served until the close of hostilities, when he was mustered out at Harrisburg, Pa. Returning home he resumed his peaceful occupation. Mr. Dodson belonged to Captain Jackson Post, G. A. R., of which he was a past commander and for many years chaplain, until his death. As was but natural, he thoroughly enjoyed his association with old comrades, and was highly respected by them not only in the local post, but in other organizations where he was known.

On April 8, 1858, John Dodson was married to Rosa B. Ritter, of Bloomsburg, a daughter of William and Elizabeth (Long) Ritter, natives of Bloomsburg. Mr. Ritter was a cabinetmaker by trade and also served as a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal during his younger years. Both he and his estimable wife are deceased, and are buried at Bloomsburg. They had six children, but only one survives, Mrs. Dodson. Samuel A., who resided in the State of Tennessee, died Dec. 24, 1913, lacking only one day of being eighty years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodson became the parents of the following children: Eugene is deceased; Marietta is deceased; William A. is a resident of Berwick; Anna is the wife of John Shoemaker, of Bloomsburg; Ella A. is the wife of Edward H. Humphries, of Philadelphia; Elizabeth is the wife of Mayberry Bachman, of Pottsville, Pa.; Margaret M. is the wife of John H. Smethers, who is teller in the Berwick National Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Dodson also reared a grandson, Claude C., who makes his home with his grandmother.

Mrs. Dodson is a charter member of the Woman's Relief Corps of Berwick, and not only assisted in the organization of the corps but has been very active in its good work. Mr. Dodson was a very prominent worker in the Methodist Church of Berwick, as is also his widow, both giving liberally to it of their time and money. The kind of people who carry their religious belief into their everyday lives, all who have come into contact with them have felt the better for the association. Mr. Dodson was the first president of the borough of Berwick, and while at Danville served as the first president of the school board at Riverside, Northumberland Co., Pa.

From boyhood he was ambitious and willing to work to carry out his ideas, and he richly deserved the success which came to him.

JACOB H. SHUGARS, a farmer of Catawissa township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in Main township, that county, Aug. 5, 1853, son of Jacob Shugars, and grandson of Jacob Shugars.

The Shugars family came originally from Germany, settling in Richmond township, Berks Co., Pa. Jacob Shugars, the grandfather, was a native of Berks county, and left that locality for Columbia county, at an early day, settling in what later became Main township, where he was one of the pioneers. His children were: Mrs. Gettling, Mrs. Kelchner, Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Bast, and Jacob, the only son.

Jacob Shugars, son of Jacob, was born Nov. 30, 1803, and was brought by his father from Berks to Columbia county, where he grew up. He became a boatman on the Lehigh canal and later on in life settled in Main township, where he engaged in farming for a few years. Moving to Luzerne county, he continued his agricultural labors there, once more returning, however, to Main township, where he died Nov. 18, 1876. He is buried in the Fisher cemetery in that township. On Oct. 18, 1826, he (first) married Rachel Keller, and they had children as follows: William, Rebecca, Emeline and Thomas. Mr. Shugars married (second) Nov. 18, 1834, Mary Hartzel, who was born Aug. 15, 1811, a daughter of Jacob Hartzel, and their children were: Reuben; Jeremiah, who died in Union City, Ind., Dec. 30, 1913; Jacob, who died in infancy; Hiram; Jacob H.; Nathan; Elizabeth, who died in Main township, July 1, 1910, and Catherine, who died in Scranton, July, 1903; Mrs. Mary Shugars, widow of Jacob Shugars, died Aug. 12, 1897.

Jacob H. Shugars went to the public schools of his neighborhood and was brought up on a farm, remaining with his father until he was sixteen years old, at which time he began working among the farmers of the township. In 1880 he engaged in farming on his own account, and is now located in Catawissa township, where he has a good farm.

On May 10, 1877, Jacob H. Shugars married Hester Blee, who was born May 5, 1859, daughter of William Blee, of Derry township, Montour county, and they have two children: Harry F., born in Main township, Columbia county, March 23, 1881, is at home; Sarah E., born in Main township May 23, 1883, married

Robert Hartman, and is now (1914) residing in Nescopeck, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Shugars is a Democrat, and has served two terms as a school director and six years as road commissioner. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, while his wife is a Presbyterian. Formerly he was a member of the Grange.

WILLIAM HENRY HILE, of Bloomsburg, is president of the African Ostrich Farm & Feather Company, which owns farms near Bloomsburg, Harrisburg and Cleveland, and in the West. This company is engaged in the breeding of ostriches and production of feathers, and as breeders of draft horses, cattle, sheep and swine. The venture of breeding ostriches in a cold climate is unique and a success, and is the feature of this section.

In the paternal line Mr. Hile belongs to a very old Pennsylvania family founded here by three brothers who came from Germany. They settled first at Philadelphia, at which city one lived and died; he reached the age of one hundred years. The other two, William and Christian, emigrated to central Pennsylvania, and settled in Rush township, Northumberland county, in pioneer times. William Hile, progenitor of the branch of the family to which William H. Hile belongs, owned and operated a farm there, and died upon that place; he is buried in the Deibler cemetery in Shamokin township, Northumberland county. His children were John and Henry.

John Hile, son of William, also lived in Rush township. He had three sons, William, Isaac and Ira, all of whom followed farming.

Henry Hile, son of William, and great-grandfather of William Henry Hile, was born in Rush township. He was a lifelong farmer and became a large landowner, owning and operating many farms there. He died April 8, 1853, aged sixty-eight years, and his widow, Mary A. (Johnson), passed away Feb. 2, 1872, in Missouri. They had children as follows: James, Daniel, Philip, Anthony, Henry, Amos, John, Lorenzo D., Abigail (Mrs. Kline), Mary A. (Mrs. James Bloom), Emeline (Mrs. Thomas Owens), Helen (Mrs. David Witmer), and Elizabeth (Mrs. James Arthurs).

James Hile, son of Henry, was born in 1807, on the old homestead place in Rush township, and like his ancestors became engaged in farming. In 1846 he moved to Clearfield county, Pa., where he made his home for the next twenty years, purchasing a farm which he cultivated. Meantime, in 1856, he had come to Columbia county, and bought the Rohrbach farm in Franklin township, a property con-

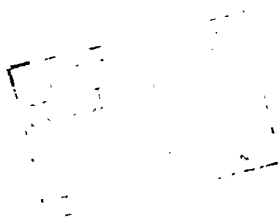
taining 1,221 acres of valuable land, to which he removed with the family in 1866. This place is now divided into three farms. Mr. Hile died there when only six weeks less than eighty-two years old, and is buried in the McIntyre graveyard. His wife, Hannah (Campbell), daughter of Obadiah and Elizabeth (Shipman) Campbell, died aged sixty-two years, and is buried beside him. We have the following record of their children: (1) Minner, born Jan. 23, 1834, died at Jersey City, N. J. (2) Henry is mentioned below. (3) Obadiah died while serving as a soldier in the Civil war and is buried in the National cemetery at Arlington, Va. (4) Amos was in the employ of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company for thirty-one years and was retired on a pension in 1910. He resides at Catawissa. He married Martha E. Mullen, who died in 1906, and they had children: Mary, who is deceased; Alice, who married Harry Kinney; Hannah, who married Harry Fordsman (they reside now in California); Harry, living in Sunbury; and William, a resident of Philadelphia. (5) John C., born Oct. 11, 1847, lives in Franklin township, Columbia county. (6) Elizabeth married James C. Bloom and is living in Clearfield county. (7) Mary A. is the widow of William Teple and resides at Catawissa. (8) Eliza Jane, widow of James Lewis, lives at the old homestead in Franklin township. (9) Joanna is the widow of Obadiah Yocum and resides at Shamokin, Pennsylvania.

Henry Hile was born March 30, 1836, in Rush township, Northumberland Co., Pa. When a young man he learned the trade of carpenter, at which he was employed for a few years, subsequently engaging in the mercantile business at Mount Carmel, Northumberland county, in partnership with Aaron Barrel. After eight years in this business he sold out his interest and for the next twenty years was engaged in the wholesale dry goods trade in Philadelphia, going there in 1876. Since 1897 he has been retired from all business activities. Fraternally Mr. Hile is a Mason, belonging to St. Paul's Lodge, No. 481, F. & A. M.; Palestine Chapter, No. 240, R. A. M.; St. Alban's Commandery, No. 40, K. T.; and Lu Lu Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., all of Philadelphia. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and, in religious connection, of the Methodist Church.

On Nov. 26, 1857, Henry Hile married Matilda Yocum, daughter of Joseph and Sarah (Teitsworth) Yocum, and they have had four children: J. Clark, of Philadelphia; Charles



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W., of Philadelphia; William Henry; and Clara Y., wife of Dr. C. R. Fulmer, a prominent physician of Philadelphia.

William Henry Hile was born Oct. 10, 1869, at Mount Carmel, Northumberland Co., Pa. He obtained his earlier education in the Philadelphia public schools, later attending Pennington (N. J.) Seminary, De Pauw University, in Indiana, and Dickinson College, at Carlisle, Pa. Making a special study of geology he became a professional geologist, entering the employ of the government, as well as the largest syndicates of America. His work in Alaska developed the largest gold mine in the world; he owned the government buildings at the capital, Juneau, Alaska. Mr. Hile has done research work in all parts of North America and South America. In 1902 he gave up his profession and for some years occupied himself with hunting big game, sociological research, and as a lecturer, making several trips around the world in these connections. His experiences have been diversified and interesting, and few men have had such opportunities for instructive observation, assisted by deep study and world travel. He is considered an authority on many subjects.

The business of ostrich farming in a cold climate was started by Mr. Hile, and the ostrich farm at Espy, Columbia county, which he founded, now received much of his attention. It is one of a number now operating and all started by his company, that at Espy being the first. The establishment of ostrich farms is the expression of sociological ideas held dear by him.

Mr. Hile is a Mason, being a member of Philadelphia Consistory (thirty-second degree); St. Alban's Commandery, No. 40, K. T.; Palestine Chapter, No. 240, R. A. M.; John W. Jenks Lodge, No. 247, F. & A. M. He is a member of the National Geographic Society, fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London, and belongs to the Civic Forum, League for Political Education, Child Labor League, Union League Club, Arctic Club and many other noted societies and clubs. Mr. Hile's religious faith is confined to the plain teachings of the Nazarene, stripped of dogma or creed, which have no place in his thought. The teachings of the Christ he analyzes as a scientific philosophy and in his writings boldly proclaims the day when dogma and sectarianism will be banished by all. He also in lectures declared it a truth that "all things are yours" if the human family would abandon emotionalism, sentimentalism, creeds, etc., from religion—when it was realized that

Christ was the demonstration of truth and of a philosophy which when comprehended supplants ignorance with intelligence, darkness with light, which made man master indeed, giving health, love, joy, assurance, peace, all understanding and all power, making man little less than God. In all things he is known to be a man of action, strong heart and decision.

William H. Hile's ancestors on his mother's side came here over two centuries ago, and John Yocum, his great-grandfather, located at the head of Roaring Creek valley, in Columbia county. He married Mary MacIntyre, and they had seven sons, as follows: Caleb, Jacob, Joseph, John, Jesse, William, Elijah; and three daughters, Sarah (married John Hoagland), Hannah (married Nicholas Campbell) and Mary (married Stacey John). Of the sons, Caleb Yocum married Mercy Hoagland and had four children; Jacob married Nancy Davenport and had three children; Joseph married Sarah Teitsworth; John never married; Jesse married Martha Mears and had five children, (second) Esther Ann Linville and had one child, and (third) Mehitabel Evans and had five children; William married Eliza Teitsworth and had six children; Elijah married Jane Campbell and had seven children.

Joseph Yocum, son of John, married Sarah Teitsworth and had eight children, as follows: Mary, Elizabeth, Nancy, Martha, Margaret, Matilda, Rebecca and Wesley. Mary married Charles Teitsworth; Elizabeth married Hiram Reeder; Nancy married Rev. Francis M. Slusser; Martha married Rev. Charles Maybee; Margaret married Rev. G. W. Stout; Matilda married Henry Hile; Rebecca married Rev. Every Swartz; Wesley never married.

The Campbell family from which Mr. Hile is descended through Hannah (Campbell) Hile, his grandmother, is a numerous one in Northumberland county, Pa. Its first progenitor of whom we have record was Obadiah Campbell, a native of New Jersey who moved to that section of Pennsylvania in 1779 and located in Ralpho township. He purchased a tract of four hundred acres of what became valuable land (the south part of the village of Elysburg being built on part of the tract) and built his own log cabin on what later became the site of the residence of David Huff. This place continued to be the homestead of the Campbells for several generations. Obadiah Campbell was a tailor by trade, but never followed that vocation after settling in North-



umberland county. He was a Presbyterian in religious faith and one of the organizers of the church of the denomination in his settlement, helping to build the old church between Snyderstown and Elysburg; he served as elder in the same many years. Politically he was a strong Democrat, the leader of the party in his locality. His children were: Benjamin, John, James, Robert, Obadiah, Albert, Jane (who married Caleb Ely), Joanna (wife of George Ely) and Elizabeth. All were good singers and sang at the memorial services held in Sunbury at the time of Washington's death. Robert Campbell, evidently son of Obadiah, above, born in New Jersey, was the first of the family to come to Northumberland county. He settled in Rush township, and became one of the prominent citizens of that locality.

Obadiah Campbell, son of Obadiah, was born in New Jersey in 1776, and was a young boy when his parents came thence to Pennsylvania, in 1779. He was brought up on the farm in Rapho township, part of which is now embraced in the south end of Elysburg, and eventually came to own his father's homestead, upon which he made his home for some years. He then made a settlement in Columbia county, upon a large tract of timber land which he had purchased, just three or four miles east of Elysburg, erected a sawmill, and engaged in the lumber business, which he continued all his life. He was a man of thrift and enterprise, and built up a business which kept his sawmill busy day and night, giving employment to a number of men. He had three hundred or more acres of land upon which there was good timber, his land extending to the creek which divides Columbia and Northumberland counties, and he cleared two farms there, both now owned by one of his grandsons, Ezra Yocum, whose mother was Jane Campbell. There Obadiah lived, worked and died and he is buried upon that place, as is also his father, Obadiah, who brought the family out from New Jersey. They were Presbyterians, but many of the old Campbells are buried at the Sharp Ridge Church, which is a Methodist Church. Obadiah Campbell was a man of note in his community in every way. He was, like his father, a strong Democrat, and wielded considerable influence in the local councils of the party, though he would not accept office. He was an active member of the Presbyterian Church, held offices in the church and led the choir for many years. For thirteen years he was captain of a military company. His death occurred July 27, 1865, and that of his wife May 27, 1866. Her

maiden name was Elizabeth Shipman, and she was like her husband a native of New Jersey, coming to Pennsylvania when she was five years old with her father, Nicholas Shipman, who settled with his family in Rockefeller township. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell had a family of ten children, namely: Nicholas settled in Elysburg; Mary married William Thompson; Hannah married James Hile; Jane married Elijah Yocum; Obadiah S. married Eliza Teats; Elizabeth married and is deceased; Joanna married a McMurtrie, who was from New Jersey and returned to that State (they had a son John and a daughter Maggie); John married Mary A. Fuller; Sarah married Aaron Shultz Knittle; Jackson settled on one of the two farms into which his father's 300-acre tract was divided, Elijah Yocum, his brother-in-law, coming into possession of the other.

**HOSLER.** The Hosler, Michael and Markle families are well known in Columbia county, and their histories make interesting reading for the thoughtful person.

Frederick Hosler was born in Berks county, Pa., where he became a farmer. Later on in life he came to Columbia county, first locating in Beavertown, but later going to Briar Creek township, where he died at the age of seventy-two, after farming all his mature years. Both he and his wife are interred in the graveyard connected with the Brick Church in Briar Creek township. They were German Lutherans in religious faith. Politically Frederick Hosler was a Whig. He and his excellent wife became the parents of the following children: Jacob, who married Phoebe Gensel, was shot during his Civil war service, and returned home to Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., dying some years later from the effects of his wound; Daniel married Mary Nagle; Henry married Elizabeth Lotz; John L. is mentioned at length below; and there were three daughters, one of whom became the wife of Jeremiah Kulp.

John L. Hosler, son of Frederick Hosler, was born in Beavertown, in Columbia county, Pa., July 6, 1816. He grew to manhood's estate in Beavertown, there learning the trade of wheelwright, which he carried on all his life, for many years owning and operating a shop at Foundryville, Pa. His death occurred at Foundryville in October, 1892, when he was seventy-six years old. John L. Hosler married Anna Elizabeth Beam, a daughter of George A. and Anna (Seybert) Beam, and they became the parents of the following chil-

dren: Emma married George Jacoby, of Nuremberg, Pa.; Anna married Martin L. Housenick, of Berwick; Ellen married J. M. Robbins, of Bloomsburg; Dora married E. E. Robbins, of Sac City, Iowa; George B. W. is mentioned at length below; Charles, who married Dora Hill (now deceased), resides at Pottsville; Clementine married W. W. Seybert, of Briarcreek township; Clara married Frank Ebert, of Sac City, Iowa. John L. Hosler was a Republican and served as a school director for many years. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church of Foundryville, and filled all of the offices of that organization as well as that of superintendent of the Sunday school. His wife, who was born in June, 1821, survived her husband until 1897, passing away aged seventy-six years; both are buried in Pine Grove cemetery, at Berwick.

GEORGE B. W. HOSLER, of Berwick, formerly foreman painter for the American Car and Foundry Company, and now employed in the mechanical department of the same corporation under C. L. Jarrard, mechanical engineer, was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., son of John L. Hosler.

He received his educational training in the public schools of Foundryville and Berwick, and learned the wheelwright's trade with his father, with whom he worked four years. At the expiration of that period he opened a repair shop at Foundryville, and in connection therewith sold buggies, wagons and similar goods for thirteen years, spending in all eighteen years at Foundryville. Mr. Hosler then went to Berwick, where he opened a repair shop on Second street which he operated four years. Desiring a change of occupation, he purchased a farm of seventy-six acres in Briarcreek township, and moving on it conducted it for ten years, during this time becoming the owner of 165 acres additional. All of his land was devoted to general farming. At the end of the decade spent in farming Mr. Hosler sold his first farm, which is now occupied by Warren Michael, and coming to Berwick was occupied for two years as an employee in the passenger coach department of the American Car and Foundry Company. Mr. Hosler then moved back to Briarcreek township, locating on his 165-acre farm, where he remained for three years, when he sold it to J. C. Dice and son. Once more he came to Berwick, and became foreman painter for the American Car and Foundry Company, thus continuing until sickness made his resignation necessary, and for nearly a year he

was unable to work. He is now engaged in putting safety appliances on the machinery for his old company.

On Jan. 27, 1874, George B. W. Hosler married Sarah Jane Michael, who was born Feb. 20, 1855, in Briarcreek township, Columbia township, Columbia Co., Pa., a daughter of Stephen and Sarah (Gensel) Michael. She was educated in the schools of her native township, and lived at home until her marriage. Mr. Hosler is a Democrat in politics, but has never desired public office. He belongs to the International Bible Students' Society, founded by Rev. Mr. Russell, of the Bethlehem Tabernacle, of Brooklyn, New York.

MICHAEL. The Michael family is traced back in Columbia county for several generations. Ulrich Michael was born in Columbia county, where he spent his blameless life, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and there he died.

Adam Michael, son of Ulrich Michael, was born at Beavervalley, Columbia Co., Pa. In addition to operating a farm of 350 acres he conducted a hotel at Summerhill, same county, for a number of years. He married a Miss Hotz, and their children were: Menas, who married a Miss Hosler; Charles, who married twice, both of his wives being members of the Hosler family; George Washington, who married a Miss Beaver; Andrew, who married Rebecca Gensel; John, who died at the age of twelve years; Stephen, mentioned below; Mrs. Peter Houck; Mrs. Benjamin Houck; Elizabeth, now deceased, who married Elias Miller; and Caroline, who married Michael Hunts. Adam Michael was a Democrat and held a number of the township offices. He was a consistent member of the German Lutheran Church. He died when about fifty-seven years old, and with his wife is buried in a private graveyard on the edge of the farm he owned, in Beavervalley.

Stephen Michael, son of Adam Michael, and father of Mrs. George B. W. Hosler, was born Sept. 20, 1818, at Beavervalley, Columbia Co., Pa., and died at Berwick at the age of ninety-two years. He received a practical education in the schools of Beavervalley, and worked for his father on the farm until he was twenty-six years old, when he married and moved to Summerhill, Briarcreek township. There he bought a farm of over three hundred acres, and continued agricultural pursuits until within twenty years of his demise, or until over seventy years old. He was the most successful farmer of his family and was

an authority upon all matters relating to his line of work.

Stephen Michael married Sarah Gensel, who was born at Beavervalley in April, 1826, and died in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., aged seventy-two years. She was a daughter of Gideon and Catherine (Fisher) Gensel. Their children besides Mrs. Hosler were: Adam married Mary Jane Bence and (second) Lena Yost; Gideon married Della Doak and (second) Susan Miller; John married Harriet Beck; Obediah (deceased) married Ida K. Markle, of Briarcreek township; Dr. William Ellis married Laura McHenry, now of Factoryville; David married Emma Shaffer, of West Berwick; Anna married Dr. G. B. Kleintob, a dentist, of Berwick; Lydia married George Smith (now deceased), of Berwick; Ellen died at the age of seven years; Andrew, Emory and Charles died in childhood.

In political faith Stephen Michael was a Democrat and he served as a school director and overseer of the poor, proving an efficient official. The United Evangelical Church of Summerhill held his membership as well as his wife's, and they were very active in church work, Mr. Michael holding at different times all of the church offices, and being very much interested in the Sunday school. He and his wife are both buried at Summerhill, in Briarcreek township.

OBEDIAH MICHAEL (deceased), son of Stephen Michael, formerly a farmer of Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in that township Feb. 13, 1850. He received his educational training in the schools of Briarcreek township, and like many of the boys of the neighborhood commenced his business career working for his father on the homestead, remaining at home until his marriage. Following this he worked for his brother Gideon until he rented the farm of 115 acres now conducted by his sons. This property he operated until his death, buying it about 1895. In addition to farming Mr. Michael worked as a helper in the blacksmith department of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company for a few years, and also was under contract with that company to clear their land of timber. The death of Mr. Michael occurred Jan. 13, 1912, and he is buried in the cemetery at Summerhill. A Democrat in politics, he was content to confine his public activities to casting his vote for the candidates of his party. The United Evangelical Church held his membership and received his warm support. In his death his community

lost a good citizen, and his family a beloved member.

On March 24, 1879, Obediah Michael was married to Ida K. Markle, who was born in Scott township March 25, 1859, daughter of Moses Markle. Mrs. Michael was educated in the schools of Briarcreek township, and remained with her parents until her marriage. She was formerly a member of the church at North Berwick, and is now a member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Summerhill Church. Mrs. Michael taught Sunday school both before and after her marriage, and she is a woman of unusual attainments.

Children as follows were born to Obediah Michael and his wife: Sheridan, born Dec. 6, 1881, died Aug. 21, 1883; Edna A., born March 12, 1885, married James Stout, and they have two children, Geneva Anna Mary and Carleton Joseph (they live on East Front street, Berwick); Gideon J., born Sept. 10, 1887, married Grace Garrison; Wilson W. was born Sept. 12, 1890; Sterling D., March 12, 1892; Ervin D., Jan. 21, 1894; Earl M., Oct. 29, 1895; Mildred M., Sept. 21, 1897; Melvin A., March 17, 1899; Leonard A., Feb. 15, 1901; Reagon, Jan. 8, 1902 (deceased); and Helen A., Feb. 21, 1903.

MARKLE. The Markle family history as far as known is as follows:

Jonathan Markle, who was a farmer, owned ten acres of land in Briarcreek township, which he operated until he decided to purchase a larger property at Red Bank, Armstrong Co., Pa. He went to that place, but before he had consummated his purchase was taken sick and died, aged about sixty years, and was buried in the cemetery at Red Bank. He married Eva Adams, born in 1803, who lived to an advanced age, being about ninety-eight when her death occurred. She is interred in the cemetery at Summerhill, Pa. The children of Jonathan Markle and wife were: Moses, who is mentioned below; Eli, who married Elizabeth Thomas, of New York; Abraham; Conrad, who married Susan Stahley; Catherine, who married Charles Lynn—both are deceased; Abigail (deceased), who married William Grant and (second) a Mr. Hollacker, both of whom are also deceased; Elizabeth, who married George Thomas, of Ithaca, N. Y.; Juliana, who married Jacob Yocom—both deceased; Hannah, who married William Thomas, of West Virginia; Mary, who married Richard Turby—both deceased; Charity, who married Richard Yocom—both deceased; and Levina, Mrs. Savitts. Jonathan Markle was a Democrat in

political belief, but did not aspire to public office.

Moses Markle, son of Jonathan Markle, and father of Mrs. Ida K. Michael, was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., May 13, 1821. He was educated in the schools of his native place, and worked for his uncle Conrad Adams after attaining his majority, continuing with this relative until his marriage. For some time following he worked for John Bruce, and eventually became the owner of twenty-six acres of land, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his useful life. His death occurred when he was seventy-two years old, and his wife passed away when sixty-four years old; they are buried at the Brick Church, in Briarcreek township. Formerly a Republican, he later embraced the doctrines of the Democratic party and gave its candidates his support. From early manhood he was an enthusiastic member and supporter of the United Evangelical Church.

Moses Markle married Esther Remley, a daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Bower) Remley, and children as follows were born to them: Sarah, who married Nathan Lynn, of North Berwick; Otis, deceased, who married Harriet LaForm and lived at North Berwick; Ida K., who is Mrs. Michael; and Samuel, Dorothy, Wellington, Rebecca, Eva and Thomas, all of whom died in childhood.

EVAN BENTON MOORE, one of the solid, substantial citizens of Berwick, Pa., largely interested in civic and church affairs, has been a resident of the place since 1902, and now holds the responsible position of foreman of buildings and repairs at the plant of the American Car and Foundry Company. Mr. Moore was born Sept. 13, 1872, in Slocum township, Luzerne Co., Pa., son of James W. and Sarah F. (Hontz) Moore.

Archibald Moore, the grandfather of Evan Benton Moore, was born in Yorkshire, England, Feb. 2, 1804, and in his native land followed farming. He came to America in 1825, and after spending a short time at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., went to Dallas township, Luzerne county, where he continued to farm until 1847 or 1848, then locating in Ross township, that county. He was a man of industry and energy, worked faithfully to prepare a home for his children, and at the time of his death was the owner of a farm of 300 acres. Mr. Moore died in 1888. He married Mary Ransom, of Scarborough, England, daughter of John Ransom, and they had the following chil-

dren: Thomas, who married Sarah Hartley; John, who married Caroline Parkes; William, who married Elizabeth Lutz; Mary Ann, who married Hiram Birth and (second) Jonas Midgley; George F., who married Sarah Moore; Charles L., who married Esther Ross; Hannah, who married Perry Tiffany; James W., who married Sarah F. Hontz; and Eliza, who became the wife of Josiah L. Hontz.

James W. Moore, father of Evan Benton Moore, was born in Dallas township, Luzerne Co., Pa., Dec. 14, 1845, and as a child was taken to Ross township, where he received his education in the district schools, in the meantime securing a training in farm work on his father's 300-acre homestead. He enlisted at Scranton, Pa., in November, 1862, with his two brothers, George F. and Charles L., from Luzerne borough, in the 143d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, was mustered into the service at Baltimore, and was sent to the front under Col. E. L. Daney, Capt. William H. Tubbs, and Harry L. Gordon, afterwards captain. George F. Moore was killed during the Wilderness engagement and Charles L. was wounded there. Besides the Wilderness, James W. Moore was in the following battles: Culpeper, Laurel Hill, Cold Harbor, Spottsylvania Court House, North Anna River and Petersburg. At the latter he was ruptured, and was sent to the hospital at Philadelphia, receiving his injury Aug. 4th, while assisting in the building of Fort Hell. He remained at Philadelphia until Jan. 20, 1865, was declared unfit for active service by the provost marshal, and was transferred to Company D, 12th Veteran Reserve Corps, serving with that organization until receiving his honorable discharge, Aug. 7, 1865. After his return from the war he took up farming for himself on 105 acres in Slocum township, Luzerne county. In 1889 he and his son Evan B. went to Seattle, Wash., and worked in that section for three years, and then returned to his farm in Luzerne county, where he is still engaged.

Mr. Moore married Sarah F. Hontz, daughter of Joseph B. and Barbara C. (Edwards) Hontz, and they had three children: Ira E., Evan B. and Frank B. Mr. Moore is a Republican in politics and has been honored with election to various offices, including those of jury commissioner, assessor and secretary of the school board, holding the latter two positions at the present time. He is active in the work of the Methodist Church, being a steward and member of the board of trustees, and belongs also to the Junior Order United

American Mechanics and to George F. Moore Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Ross township, Luzerne county.

Evan Benton Moore was educated in the common schools of Slocum township, following which he started to learn the trade of carpenter, and in the fall of 1889 went with his father to Seattle, Wash., working there and at Anacortes, Wash., with Long & Merritt, for three years. Returning to Columbia county in the fall of 1892, he worked at carpentry with G. H. Moore, of Millville, but subsequently returned to Slocum township and for one year followed farming and carpentering. During 1894, 1895 and 1896 he followed his trade at Millville, and in 1897 shifted around to various points, building breakers, etc., for different mines at Wilkes-Barre, Mokanequa, Pa., and Blainstown, N. J. Mr. Moore continued to be so engaged at various points for four years, and in 1901 went to the Pan-American Exposition, following which, in the spring of 1902, he came to Berwick and worked on the brick and steel building for steel cars, of the steel car department of the American Car and Foundry Company, under Adlow Zeiser, superintendent for Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Company, contractors in charge of the work. In January, 1903, Mr. Moore took charge of building and repair work at the steel plant, as foreman under John Heavner, superintendent, and in 1907 took charge of building and repairing for the whole plant under W. S. Johnson, general superintendent, with the title of foreman of buildings and repairs, a position which he still holds. Mr. Moore is an excellent mechanic and a thorough master of every detail of his work. He is also possessed of much executive ability, and can be relied upon absolutely to accomplish his work and to fulfill all engagements.

Mr. Moore was married to Mary J. Houck, daughter of Albert and Sarah (Frace) Houck, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Sept. 29, 1906, and they have one son, James Harold, born Aug. 19, 1908. Mr. Moore is a Republican in his political views, and takes an earnest and active interest in civic affairs, although he has not sought preferment on his own account. A man of intelligence and broadly read, he is a follower of Dr. Stough's work on temperance. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church, and he is a member of the official board. Fraternally Mr. Moore is connected with Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., Berwick; Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R. of Bloomsburg; Ber-

wick Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and the Junior Order United American Mechanics, of Slocum township.

Clinton Houck, born July 4, 1826, lived near Hazleton, Pa., and during the early part of his life was a school teacher. Subsequently he turned his attention to the trade of blacksmith, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and died at that point in September, 1907. He married Mary Jane Moore, from near Hazleton, in January, 1850, and she died in 1905, the mother of five sons, among them being Albert, the father of Mrs. Moore.

Albert Houck was born May 26, 1851, near Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and was a house painter by trade, also taking contract work in that line. He died Nov. 29, 1902, at Askam, Luzerne Co., Pa., and was buried in Hanover Green cemetery, near that place. On Nov. 20, 1877, he married Sarah Frace, daughter of Jacob Frace, and they became the parents of the following children: George W., who married Lois Eyer; Mary Jane; Albert C., who married Ethel Albee; Bessie May, deceased, who is buried in Hanover Green cemetery; Edith Elnora, who married Arthur Dawe; Jessie Wilbur; Daisy Winifred; Harry, deceased, buried in Hanover Green cemetery; Frank Perry; and Charles Eugene, who died young and was buried in Hanover Green cemetery. Mr. Houck was a Republican in his political belief. His religious faith was that of the Methodist Church, and fraternally he was affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Junior Order United American Mechanics.

The Frace family originated in the vicinity of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Jacob Frace was a boat-builder by occupation, and was also engaged in boating on the Pennsylvania canal. During the Civil war he served as a soldier in the Union army, and being wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, was sent to hospital and there honorably discharged because of disability.

CHARLES H. CAMPBELL, veteran of the Civil war and former register and recorder of Columbia county, was born in Luzerne county, Pa., Nov. 15, 1839, son of Joseph W. and Mary C. (Kester) Campbell.

Joseph W. Campbell, his father, was born in York county, Pa., in 1813. His parents died when he was two years old, and he was apprenticed to a weaver. In early manhood he came to Luzerne county and was appointed foreman of construction on the north branch of the Pennsylvania canal, a position which he

held until his death in 1878. His wife was born in Luzerne county, one of a family of seven children, and her father was a farmer. The brothers and sisters of Charles H. were: William A., former county superintendent of Luzerne county, died in 1901, leaving a wife and four children; Edward N. was accidentally killed at the age of twelve; Jacob W., living in Berwick, employed with the American Car & Foundry Company for thirty-three years, married Margaret Thomas and has four children; Joseph H., a wagonmaker of Berwick, married Elizabeth Post and has four children; Mary died at the age of twelve; John A. is a plumber in Los Angeles; Sarah married Writer Thomas and died at the age of sixty-five. Mr. Thomas now living in Booneville, Ark. (he has two children).

Charles H. Campbell was educated in the schools of Luzerne county and took up the vocation of school teacher, which he pursued for twenty-two years in Luzerne and Columbia counties. He was principal of the White Haven high school for four years. When the Civil war began he gave up school work and enlisted, Aug. 22, 1862, in Company F, 143d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, assigned to the 1st Corps, Army of the Potomac, and after the Battle of Gettysburg attached to the 5th Corps. His rise was rapid. He passed from private to sergeant, first sergeant, second lieutenant, first lieutenant and adjutant, holding the latter office at the date of his discharge, July 12, 1865. Among the engagements in which he participated were Gettysburg, Haymarket, Warrenton Junction, Mine Run, Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spottsylvania Courthouse, Jericho Ford, Pamunky river, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, Boydton Plank Road and Warrenton Railroad. Although with his command during all of the engagements, he was never wounded and passed unscathed through battles where hundreds were slain.

After his return from the front Mr. Campbell located in Bloomsburg and took charge of the store of the car works of G. M. Lockard & Co., now owned by the American Car and Foundry Company. In 1888 he resigned, and was elected register and recorder of Columbia county, holding the position for six consecutive years. He assisted in the formation of the company which built the "Proctor Inn" in Jamison City. He had a farm of thirty acres in Briarcreek of which sixteen acres were laid out in building lots, nearly all now sold.

On Jan. 31, 1865, Mr. Campbell married

Sarah E. Rambach, who was born Oct. 19, 1846, daughter of Daniel and Susan (Slippy) Rambach, and died Nov. 12, 1908; she is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell adopted one child, Madge, born Aug. 11, 1870, who died April 9, 1894; she was a graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal School and a fine musician.

Mr. Campbell is a member of the Berwick Presbyterian Church, and socially holds membership in Sylvania Lodge, No. 354, F. & A. M., of Shickshinny, Pa. (of which he is a past master), and in the Union Veteran Legion, Bloomsburg. In politics he is a Democrat.

CHARLES CAMERON LOCKHART, a retired farmer of Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., now residing at Berwick, Pa., was born on his father's farm in Salem township Nov. 6, 1856. He is of Scotch-Irish extraction, and his ancestors were among the pioneers of this part of Pennsylvania.

James Lockhart was born in Scotland and emigrated to Ireland, where he located in County Donegal. Later he came to America and eventually settled in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he took up land in partnership with his brother John. At one time previously they had owned Egg Harbor Island, New Jersey. In Luzerne county they occupied 300 acres, but it was taken from them under the Pennamite Claims Act. They then bought ninety acres in Salem township, on the border of Columbia county, cleared it and devoted themselves to farming. James Lockhart died here at the age of ninety-seven years. His children were: Joseph; George; John; and Margaret and Annie, both of whom married brothers named Carr and lived in New York State.

Joseph Lockhart was born in Scotland, accompanied his parents to Ireland and then came with them to America. He inherited a farm from his Uncle John, of Egg Harbor, N. J., which he cultivated until his death. His wife, Anna (Cameron) was a native of Scotland, and their children were: Julia, who died young; James, who married Susan Santee; Alexander, who married Grace Adams; George, who married Maria Bidlack; John; Mary; Jane, wife of William Cool, who also married Margaret, her sister; Cameron; Robert, who married Annie Wilbur; Fannie; and Joseph.

James Lockhart, son of Joseph, was born in 1802 in Salem township, and attended the common schools. He inherited his father's

farm, which he continued to cultivate. Politically he was a Republican, in religion a Methodist. He married Susan Santee, daughter of James and Rachel (McNeill) Santee, and they had children as follows: Mary; Elizabeth; Maria, wife of Dr. I. E. Ross, of Kingston; Rachel, wife of George Harter; Benjamin, who died young; and Charles Cameron.

Charles Cameron Lockhart carried on general farming until 1904, when he retired, rented the farm and moved to Berwick. He is a Republican, but has held no offices. He attends the Methodist church. Socially he is connected with the Berwick Camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America.

**WILLIAM ROUP**, Berwick, Pa., superintendent of the M. W. Jackson estate farms, was born at Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa., June 23, 1845, son of William and Susanna (Lehr) Roup.

William Roup, the father, was of German ancestry, and was born at Easton, Northampton Co., Pa. By trade he was a weaver, and he also engaged in farming. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. He died July 4, 1849, and is buried at Orangeville, Pa. He married Susanna Lehr, who was also a native of Easton and accompanied her people when they moved to Columbia county and settled at Orangeville. Mrs. Roup died in her eightieth year, in 1880, and is buried at the Lutheran Church, Fowlerville. Mr. and Mrs. Roup had the following children: Jacob, who is deceased; Catherine, who first married Charles W. Shannon and is now the widow of her second husband, Joseph Laras, of Easton; Maria, who was the wife of Dennis Brink, of Bloomsburg, both deceased; John, who lives at Light Street, Pa.; Sarah, who was the wife of George Heidley, of Almedia, both deceased; and William, the youngest of the family.

William Roup spent his boyhood days at Orangeville and attended school there. When he was fourteen years old he went to work on a farm near Light Street and from there went to Stonytown, where he was employed at the time the Civil war was precipitated. In December, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, 67th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and served until July 18, 1865, when he received his honorable discharge at the McClellan hospital, Philadelphia, where he was detailed at the time. He took part in the battles of Hatcher's Run, Petersburg and others, but escaped all serious injury.

After the war closed Mr. Roup returned to

Columbia county and settled at Fowlerville, where he remained for some time, was married there, and then returned to Orangeville, where he lived two years, in 1869 coming to Berwick. Here he engaged in farming and first conducted the farm of M. W. Jackson for about twenty-two years, after which he took charge of the farms of the M. W. Jackson estate. This includes twenty-two farms in this section, and he thus has 1,600 acres under his supervision.

In 1866 Mr. Roup was married to Celestia Sittler, who was born Nov. 17, 1846, about two miles from Fowlerville, Pa., daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dietrich) Sittler, the former of whom was a shoemaker by trade and also engaged in farming. He died on his homestead farm, and his wife passed away later, at the home of a daughter. There were seven children in the Sittler family: Caroline, deceased, who was the wife of Elijah Harmon, of Columbia county; Freeman, who is deceased; Simon, who lives in Columbia county; Helen, who is the wife of Francis W. Bower, of Berwick; Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Charles Zimmerman, also deceased; Mrs. Roup; and Mahala, who is the wife of Charles Hippensteel, ex-street commissioner of Berwick.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Roup, one dying in infancy. The other, Emma Jane, born May 2, 1867, who is also now deceased, was the wife of S. F. Riddall, a resident of Berwick, and was the mother of four children: William C., Pearl I., Howard A. and Harold F., the last named living at Fairport, N. Y. For seven years Mr. Roup has been a member of the borough council, taking commendable interest in public matters. He belongs to Capt. C. G. Jackson Post No. 159, G. A. R., at Berwick, and has held all the offices, being now sergeant major, and is identified also with the Red Men, the P. O. S. of A., and other bodies. He and his wife are members of Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church at Berwick, of which he was a steward for ten years. The family home is a comfortable residence on Market street, Berwick.

**JOSEPH CRONE DICE**, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born Aug. 26, 1854, at Eldredsville, Elkland township, Sullivan Co., Pa., son of Gustavus Adolphus and Henrietta (Crone) Dice.

Gustavus Adolphus Dice, father of Joseph Crone Dice, was born June 21, 1824, in Elber-



feld, Prussia, Germany. He was educated in the schools of the Fatherland, following which he served a three years' apprenticeship to the shoemaker's trade, and for seven years traveled as a journeyman throughout the German empire, following his trade, with a passport which showed that he had served his apprenticeship and was a qualified shoemaker. During this period he journeyed on foot to Lapland. Like other youths of his native land he served three years in the German army, as a member of the light horse cavalry, and, although one of the lightest men in his command, weighing but 133 pounds, was known as one of its most skilled riders and brave soldiers. His commanding general was Prince William, who some years later, when the new empire was formed, became King of Prussia and German Emperor. Mr. Dice was wounded twice during the bloody Republic war, both wounds being sabre cuts, one in the shoulder and one on the wrist, and was then declared disabled for service and honorably discharged. At that time he decided to seek his fortune in the United States, and accordingly emigrated to this country, locating in Brooklyn, N. Y., where he remained one year, succeeding which he came to Pennsylvania and settled in Elkland township, Sullivan county. There, after following shoemaking for thirteen years, he purchased a tract of twenty-seven acres of land, and this he cultivated in the summer months, while in the winters he followed his trade among the farmers, who supplied the leather for their shoes. Later, in partnership with Frederick Cobey, he bought from John Sanger the balance of the Frick tract of about two hundred acres, and this partnership continued for two years, when Mr. Cobey took the front piece of 100 acres, while Mr. Dice received as his share the back 130 acres and \$100 in cash. Later Mr. Dice sold twenty-seven acres and bought of Judge Charles D. Eldred, of Williamsport, the Eldred tract of fifty acres. For about two years thereafter he resided in Williamsport, carrying on draying and trucking, and during his stay there the buildings on his property, with the exception of the hay barn, were demolished in a great windstorm. Returning to the farm, Mr. Dice cleared seventy-five acres of timber, which, with the fifty acres in the Eldred tract, already cleared, gave him a farm of 125 acres. He drove stage from Eldredsville to Laporte and back, twenty-two miles, twice a week, carrying the United States mail, and continued farming pursuits, principally the raising of stock, ordinarily keeping

from ten to fifteen cows, and using oxen instead of horses in his operations. In the winter he kept about forty head of cattle. After residing in that community for about ten years Mr. Dice sold his farm and removed to Nescopeck, Luzerne county, where he resided two years, then buying the Enoch Fox estate, a farm of 106 acres in Pine township, Columbia Co., Pa., to which was later added forty acres from the Frick farm. In the two tracts Mr. Dice had about eighty acres of land cleared, and here he carried on general farming up to the time of his death.

Mr. Dice was married in Germany to Henrietta Crone, who was born in the Fatherland, and to this union there were born children as follows: One child who died in Germany when two years old; Gustavus, who died at the age of two years while the family was crossing the Atlantic; Joseph Crone; and one child still-born. Mrs. Henrietta Dice died in Sullivan county, Pa., and was buried in Bethel graveyard, Elkland township. Subsequently Mr. Dice was married (second) at Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa., to Harriet Esther Brown, daughter of James Brown. She died without issue. The third marriage of Mr. Dice was to Edith Forsyth, formerly of Greenville, Pa., and to this union there was born one son, John, who married Annie Hartman (deceased) and (second) Margaret Allen.

During the Civil war Mr. Dice was drafted for service in the Union army on three occasions, but was each time excused on account of disability, owing to the wounds he had received while fighting in the German army. He was a Democrat in politics, and in his religious belief a member of the German Reformed Church. He was buried at Unityville, Lycoming county, as was his third wife, who died in 1911, aged about eighty-seven years.

Joseph Crone Dice, son of Gustavus Adolphus Dice, was educated in the schools of Elkland township, Sullivan county, and until he was twenty-four years of age worked for his father on the home farm and drove stagecoach. He then worked for one year on the farm of George Raber, and at that time decided to make a home of his own. On Dec. 27, 1877, he married Sarah Catherine Sones, daughter of Philip Wesley and Mary Ann (Chamberlain) Sones, and to this union were born children as follows: Mary Luella, born Nov. 9, 1878, married Bruce Albertson, a school teacher, who taught for six years in Briarcreek township, Columbia county; Calvin Edgar is a school teacher; Charles Wes-



ley, born May 6, 1889, a graduate of the Mifflin high school, passed the examination and was admitted to the junior class in the Bloomsburg State Normal School, received a first-class certificate, and had taught school but eight days when suddenly stricken by death, when but eighteen years old; John Leroy, born Sept. 14, 1893, died when three months old.

After his marriage Mr. Dice worked for Edward Ritchie in a tannery at Sereno, near Millville, Columbia county, for one year, and during the five succeeding years was employed in a sawmill. He spent fourteen years in all in the lumber business, and then purchased a team and hauled timber for some time. He next turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, renting Jeremiah Berger's farm in Pine township for two years and spending two years in Greenwood township on the Fairman place, and later two years on the A. W. Gruber farm in Main township. Succeeding this he lived in Centre township for two years, and then bought his present farm in Briarcreek township, a tract of 165 acres, of which seventy acres have been cleared. He has been successful in his ventures, due to the exercise of energy, industry and good management, and is accounted one of the substantial men of his community. A Democrat in politics, he has served efficiently in the capacity of registry assessor. His religious connection is with the Summerhill United Evangelical Church, which he is serving at this time as member of the board of trustees.

Calvin E. Dice, son of Joseph Crone Dice, was born July 13, 1883. He attended the public schools of Pine township until reaching the age of twelve years, when he became a student in the Millville Friends' Seminary, attending that institution for three terms, sickness causing him to withdraw before he had completed his course. Following his recovery he taught school for three terms and then went to Benton summer school and took a professional course in teaching. When the new school code came into effect he passed another examination, qualifying to teach. In April, 1911, he was taken into partnership by his father on the farm, which he now assists in operating in the summer months, while his winters are devoted to teaching. Like his father, he is a Democrat. A consistent member of the United Evangelical Church, he is specially interested in the Sunday school, of which he is assistant superintendent, and also teaches the Young Folks' Bible Class. He is a young man of exemplary habits, and his

numerous friends throughout this community testify readily to his general popularity. Mr. Dice married Lula Corella Stiner, born Dec. 11, 1887, daughter of Elisha and Joanna (Hayman) Stiner. They live with his parents.

Mary Luella Dice, who married Bruce Albertson, has become the mother of three children, as follows: Joseph, who died when five months old; Edward, and Catherine Mary.

Peter Sones, the great-great-grandfather of Mrs. Dice, served in the Revolutionary War, and lived to be seventy-eight years of age.

Peter Sones (2), son of Peter Sones, was the great-grandfather of Mrs. Dice.

Peter Sones (3), son of Peter Sones (2), and grandfather of Mrs. Dice, married Sevilla Lowe.

Philip Wesley Sones, father of Mrs. Dice, and son of Peter Sones (3), was born May 20, 1832, in Moreland township, Lycoming Co., Pa., and was there reared up to the age of ten years. At that time he went to Sullivan county with his parents, and there learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a few years. About 1853 he located in Pine township, Columbia county, and engaged principally in lumbering, being for several years foreman in the employ of John Benfield. In May, 1853, he was married to Mary Ann Chamberlain, daughter of Lewis and Catherine (Hunter) Chamberlain, and to this union were born children as follows: Calvin L., who married Rebecca Young, of York, Pa.; Sarah Catherine, wife of Mr. Dice; Susan E., who married Benjamin Kessler, of Pine township; Lewis E., who married Margaret Welliver, of Pine township; and Mary E., who married Harry E. Watts, also of Pine township. Mr. Sones died in the faith of the Evangelical Association, in which he was an active worker, serving as class leader. His wife was also active therein, and was buried beside her husband at the Centre Church, in Pine township. She was born July 18, 1836, and died in December, 1911. Mr. Sones was a member of Iola Lodge of Odd Fellows, and was a Democrat in politics, serving as school director for twenty-two years, and as overseer of the poor.

Sarah Catherine Sones, daughter of Philip Wesley Sones, was born April 22, 1858, in Pine township, Columbia county. After receiving liberal educational advantages she taught school for three years, but gave up teaching at the time of her marriage. She was instrumental in reviving interest in the United Evangelical Church in Briar Creek

(Summerhill Church), which had become greatly neglected. Together with Amos Cope, of Salem township, Luzerne county, she managed to rebuild and refurnish the church, and the congregation is now in a prosperous and thriving condition. For about two years she taught a junior class of girls in the Sunday school, and while a member of the Mainville Methodist Church was a member of the Ladies' Aid Society. She is a woman of many social graces, and has friends all over the township.

**WILLIAM ERNEST JARRARD**, whose energy and enterprise have carried him far in his profession, was born at Berwick, Pa., June 8, 1883, son of Henry C. and Elmira (Anderson) Jarrard.

Henry C. Jarrard, the father, was born Dec. 19, 1861, at Nescopeck, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he attended public schools and afterwards learned the blacksmith's trade. For some time he worked at the same in the plant of Jackson & Woodin, at Berwick, but in 1889 moved to Altoona, Pa., and there was employed in the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's shops as a blacksmith. Still later he became a toolmaker. A staunch Republican in politics, he was elected by that party chief of police at Berwick, and while living at Altoona was a councilman. He is active in the order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Bellevue Lodge, No. 497, Altoona, and to Juniata Encampment, No. 296, of Juniata borough. He married Elmira Anderson, daughter of John and Margaret Anderson, and three children were born to them: William Ernest; Linnie Margaret, who married F. E. Duck, of Altoona; and Beatrice Elizabeth, who married Wilbur Hewitt, of Altoona.

William Ernest Jarrard was five years old when his parents moved to Altoona and he attended school in the Seventh ward, in the Erwin building, two of his instructors being Professor Beckel and Professor Smith. In 1897 he started to work for George A. Klesius, in his sheet iron and metal works, at Altoona, and finally became a foreman there. He was very ambitious, and finding that he possessed great aptness along certain lines he attended the Anderson night school and also a private class for instruction in mechanical drafting. Through his perseverance he made rapid progress and in 1905 was engaged by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for sheet metal contract work, which included looking after and keeping in order that corporation's stations, roofs, cottages and other structures

along its right of way. In 1906 he went into business for himself as a coppersmith and general sheet iron metal worker, and carried it on for two years at Altoona. In 1908 he came to Berwick and has made his home in his birthplace ever since, at that time entering the tinning department of the American Car and Foundry Company as a leader. His foreman at that time was Harry Ent and his superintendent was L. E. Hess. Within six months Mr. Jarrard was made assistant foreman, following which he succeeded Mr. Ent as foreman, a remarkable advance in authority considering his youth. His next promotion was when he was made foreman of the specialty department, small machine department, electric and acetylene welding departments. In July, 1913, he was made superintendent of safety sanitation, under W. S. Johnson, and now has charge of both the Berwick and Bloomsburg plants. He stands high in his profession and deservedly so. He takes a good citizen's interest in the progress of his native place and contributes generously to movements calculated to advance the general welfare, but has kept pretty well out of politics, voting independently and according to his own judgment. Since early manhood he has been identified with the fraternal order of Odd Fellows and belongs to Bellevue Lodge, No. 497, Altoona, and to Berwick Encampment, No. 131. Both he and his wife are members of the Evangelical Church, which he is serving as treasurer and steward.

Mr. Jarrard was married in 1904 to Elsie Edna Knepper, a daughter of Alexander and Lucinda (Harpster) Knepper. They have one daughter, Henrietta Elmira, born Oct. 4, 1905.

Alexander Knepper, father of Mrs. Jarrard, was born near Harrell post office, not far from Altoona. He was a car builder in the East Altoona shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In politics he is a Republican. He married Lucinda Harpster, who died in April, 1909, and was buried in Rose Hill cemetery, Altoona. She was a member of the Methodist Church, as is Mr. Knepper, and he belongs to the Knights of Malta. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Knepper: Effie May, wife of William Silks; Carrie Lavinia, wife of M. F. Roland; Elsie Edna, wife of William E. Jarrard; Fannie; Edith; Dorothy; George Walter, and Charles.

Charles Knepper, the grandfather of Mrs. Jarrard, was born at Clappertown, near Williamsburg, Blair Co., Pa., and died at the age of eighty-seven years. He was a general farmer and owned eighty acres of land. He

married Hannah Treese, and their children were: Alexander; Martha, who married John Kane and (second) William Treese; Sally, wife of Levi Brumbaugh; Alice, wife of J. C. Davis; Henrietta, wife of Levi Likens; Lavinia, wife of J. C. Isenberg; Ellen, wife of Calvin Werts; Fannie, wife of Fred Mosser; Frank; Ernest, who married Ada Treese; Edward; Harvey, deceased, who is buried in Maryland; and Joseph. On the Harpster side there were two uncles and an aunt: Harvey; Amanda, who married Jerome Fox; and Robert, deceased, who was buried at Oil City, Pennsylvania.

ABRAM L. MCHENRY, farmer and dairyman of Benton township, was born on the farm where he now resides Jan. 8, 1861. He is the son of Eli, grandson of Samuel, great-grandson of John, and great-great-grandson of Daniel McHenry, the pioneer of the family in this part of the State.

Daniel McHenry was born in the North of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent, and came to America before the Revolutionary war. He at once enlisted and served the cause of the colonists until the close of hostilities. He then came to Columbia county and entered a tract of land on the site of the village of Stillwater, which he cleared and upon which he erected a log house. His wife, Mary, daughter of Col. William Stevens, an officer in the war of 1812, arrived soon after he had completed the home, and here the couple lived and raised their family of nine children: Benjamin, who died on a raft in the Susquehanna; Daniel, a farmer, who resided on the home farm; John, mentioned below; Uriah, a shoemaker; Moses, a farmer and lumber dealer; Elias, who was a colonel in the State militia; Martha, wife of Alexander Colley; Susan, wife of Robert Edgar; and Laura, who died unmarried.

John McHenry, the first white child born in this part of the county, was known from youth as "John the hunter," and in the days before the operation of the game laws was considered the peer of any others in the county. He was never known to fail to bring down the game, followed the chase each year from early fall to Christmastime, and it was estimated must have slain over two thousand deer. He was reared on the farm and had but limited schooling. He settled in Benton township and in a small way started the distillery which was developed to the well known McHenry distillery. To his marriage with Helena Cutter were born the following chil-

dren: Matthew, Samuel, Ephraim, Stephen, John, Rohr, Sallie, Betsey, Maria and Jennie.

Samuel McHenry (grandfather) was born in Benton township and followed farming all his life. He cleared seventy-five acres of land and conducted an inn called the "Hunter's Home," where many of the old-time sportsmen would rendezvous during the season. His wife was noted for her good cooking, and in winter their home became a favorite terminus for sleighing parties from Bloomsburg and adjoining towns. Like his father he was a mighty hunter, and many a deer fell before his unerring aim. He died at his home in 1880, at the advanced age of seventy-one, his wife passing away in 1893, at the age of eighty-one. He married Cynthia, daughter of Moses McHenry, and they had these children: Eli; Moses, living at Stillwater; John, also at Stillwater; James, deceased; and Sarah, wife of Theodore Lewis.

Eli McHenry, father of Abram L., was born Nov. 28, 1830, in Jackson township, and was reared to farming. When he grew to manhood he bought the farm now owned by his son, consisting of eighty-five acres of "run-down" land, and at once proceeded to put it into good condition, replacing the dilapidated buildings with new structures and bringing the soil into a fine state of cultivation. He was the pioneer to undertake the raising of pork in his end of the county, and fattened and shipped the first carload of hogs sent from Benton.

Mr. McHenry married Sarah Young, who was born March 10, 1832, daughter of Abraham Young, and they had seven children: Wilbur, living at Berwick; Lewis W.; Abram L.; Samuel, residing in Chicago; Lester, deceased; Mary, deceased wife of William Mears; and Anna, deceased. Mr. McHenry died in 1904 and is buried in the cemetery at Benton. Mrs. McHenry is living with her son Abram L.

Abram L. McHenry obtained his education in the public schools and began farming with his father. In 1899 he purchased his father's farm and is still residing on it, having made many improvements upon the place. He has thirty cows and conducts a prosperous dairy business, with customers in Benton, and was the first to drive a milk wagon in that place. He was the first to ship a carload of potatoes from Benton, raised on his own farm, and has shown his progressive spirit in many ways. Politically he is a Democrat, and in religion a member of the Christian Church. In 1896 he married Millie, daughter of Isaac Robbins,

of Unityville, Pa., and they have four children, Eli, Mary, Grace and Marie.

WILLIAM F. McMICHAEL comes into daily contact with so many of his fellow citizens at Berwick that he is one of the most generally known residents of the borough. All his life has been passed there, and his record is honorable throughout, a credit to the respected name he bears.

James McMichael, the father of William F. McMichael, was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, was educated in the public schools there, and when a young man came to Berwick. Embarking in the livery business, he conducted it for about fourteen years, selling out to enter the hotel business, as proprietor of the "Berwick Hotel," near the "Hotel Morton." He carried it on for a number of years, and when he sold out moved to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he is now successfully conducting a cab service. He was married to Emma Ruch, daughter of Henry Ruch, and they have had the following children: Laura married Fred T. Ikeler, a prominent attorney of Bloomsburg; William F. is mentioned below; Pauline married Ernest Johnson and is residing in Berwick; Hervey died young and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery. Mr. McMichael is a Democrat, but though interested in the party has never aspired to public office. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Church.

William F. McMichael was born at Berwick Aug. 22, 1880, and educated there in the common and high schools. For seven years after leaving school he gave most of his time to bicycle racing, as an amateur, and he has a valuable and remarkable collection of trophies which are substantial testimony of his achievement during those years. One hundred and six first prizes, seventy-three second prizes and forty-three third prizes show how successful a competitor he was, and he still holds the championship of Pennsylvania in the one-fourth mile, which he won at Williamsport; the one-half mile, which he won at Wilkes-Barre; and the one mile, which he won at Mahanoy City. During this period he traveled considerably and met the best amateur racers of the time.

The popularity of the bicycle business having waned Mr. McMichael entered into partnership with William Dietterick, and conducted a confectionery and stationery business, in Berwick, their first location being where the Morton Buffet now is, for about one year. On April 12, 1902, they moved

across the street to the First National Bank building. This partnership continued until the death of Mr. Dietterick, since when Mr. McMichael has been conducting the business alone. He has a very fine store room, thoroughly equipped with modern fixtures, soda fountain, etc., and particularly well arranged for the dispatch of business and the comfort of customers. As his trade increased and the demand of business justified Mr. McMichael enlarged the scope of his business, and now his stock includes a full line of stationery, office supplies, confectionery and cigars and tobacco. In all these lines he has a wholesale and retail trade, built up through enterprising methods and obliging attention to patrons in every department. He is also engaged in a partnership with S. E. Fenstermacher in the sale of automobiles, and they have established an up-to-date garage, doing all kinds of automobile repairing and dealing in supplies. They are the local agents for the famous Overland and Cadillac cars, having the control of the territory comprising Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties, and part of Luzerne county for the Overland car, and all of Columbia county for the Cadillac car. Their experience in this line has been very successful.

Mr. McMichael married Jean Updegraff, daughter of Oscar and Margaret Updegraff, natives of Lycoming county. He is a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 1138, B. P. O. Elks, and Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A. He is a Democrat in political sentiment.

Mrs. William F. McMichael was born in Williamsport, Pa., and is a graduate of the Williamsport high school, class of 1896. After graduation she took a course in the Potts shorthand school of Williamsport, and when prepared for business entered the employ of John M. Stearns & Co. (silk mills), where she was made stenographer and paymaster, holding that position until her marriage.

Samuel Updegraff, the grandfather of Mrs. McMichael, was a farmer at Antesfort, Lycoming Co., Pa., and spent most of his life in that occupation. He had the following children: Albert J.; Silas, deceased; Sarah Elizabeth, who married Seth Foresman, of Williamsport; Oscar, father of Mrs. McMichael; Arletta, who married William Brouse and lives in Detroit; and Edith, who married William Toner and lives in Collingwood, Ontario, Canada.

Oscar Updegraff, the father of Mrs. McMichael, was born April 28, 1850, on a farm on Reach road, near Newberry, Lycoming Co., Pa. He was educated in the local schools and Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, and entered the employ of the Lycoming Rubber Company, where he remained for many years. The plant was closed soon after the rubber trust absorbed the Lycoming Rubber Company. Mr. Updegraff is now living retired in Williamsport. He married Margaret Keiffer, who was born Dec. 12, 1848, daughter of John Keiffer, and they have had the following children: Anna died when five years old; Sarah Elizabeth married Howard Groves, of Philadelphia; Edith died in infancy; Jean is the wife of William F. McMichael; Harry, manager of a silk mill at Ridgway, Pa., married Bertha Welsh. Mr. Updegraff is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, of Williamsport, which he served for many years as choir leader; he also played cornet in the Sunday school.

John Keiffer, maternal grandfather of Mrs. McMichael, was a farmer at Antesfort, Lycoming Co., Pa. He married a Miss Shuman, and they had the following children: Mary married Samuel Shuman, and they reside in Buffalo, N. Y.; Catherine married William Seiler, of Watstown, Pa.; Washington is deceased; Margaret is Mrs. Oscar Updegraff; Eugene is a resident of Williamsport; John Keiffer was a Republican in political sentiment. He and his wife are buried at Jersey Shore, Lycoming county.

FRANKLIN W. HAGENBUCH, a farmer and justice of the peace of Montour township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in Mahoning township, Montour county, Sept. 3, 1874, son of Isaiah H. Hagenbuch.

Henry Hagenbuch, great-grandfather of Franklin W. Hagenbuch, was the founder of the family in Columbia county, coming here from one of the lower counties in the State. He located in what afterwards became Centre township, and there he died on a tract of land that later passed into the possession of his son Samuel. Henry Hagenbuch married a Miss Wolf, and their children were: Isaac, William, Samuel, Lydia (Mrs. Martz), Mary (who married John Hess) and Catherine (who married a Mr. Spangler).

Samuel Hagenbuch, son of Henry Hagenbuch, was born in Centre township, Columbia county, and was a farmer, owning 130 acres of land. He met his death while threshing

grain, at the age of seventy-seven years, and is buried at Hidlay's Church. Samuel Hagenbuch married Susanna Hess, a daughter of Frederick Hess, and she died at the age of seventy-seven years. The children of this couple were: Hester married Charles Goodwin; Caroline married Frank Shuman; Julia married John Miller; Mary M. married George Breisch; Sarah married Horace Creasy; Diana married Clinton Shuman; Lydia married William Stahl; Mahala married Harry Brewer; Matoura married James Mills; Isaiah H. completes the family.

Isaiah H. Hagenbuch, son of Samuel Hagenbuch, was born in Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., in March, 1845, and was there given a common school education. He was brought up in his native township and taught farming in all its details. After attaining maturity he went to Mahoning township, Montour county, where he lived until 1880, in that year returning to Columbia county and settling in Montour township, where he bought the William P. Mauser farm of sixty-four acres. Upon taking possession of the property he began making extensive improvements, including the remodeling of the buildings, and he erected a fine residence. In 1900 he retired, and died Nov. 6, 1911, being buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery at Danville. Isaiah H. Hagenbuch married Mary E. Mauser, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine E. (Krum) Mauser, and two children were born to them: Nora E., who married D. W. Shuman, of Mainville, Pa.; and Franklin W. Mr. Hagenbuch was a Democrat, and served capably and conscientiously as a school director and supervisor of his township, developing into one of its most responsible and creditable citizens. His connections with the Reformed Church were not only as a member, but as a deacon and elder as well.

Franklin W. Hagenbuch, son of Isaiah H. Hagenbuch, attended the schools of his native township and later took a course at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. After leaving the latter he taught school for five years, four in Montour township and one at Mainville, becoming one of the popular educators of Columbia county. During vacations he assisted his father in his agricultural operations, and in 1900 began farming for himself on the old homestead in Montour township, where he still resides. His property comprises sixty-four acres of very valuable land, and he has been its owner since the spring of 1911, when he bought it. On this land he carries on general farming, and the

condition of his premises and the amount of his products show that he understands his work thoroughly and goes about it with a broadened intelligence and skilled experience which his years of teaching gave him.

Franklin W. Hagenbuch married Emma A. Diehl, a daughter of David P. and Emily (Runyon) Diehl. While Mr. and Mrs. Hagenbuch have had no children of their own, they are rearing a daughter, Catherine B. Frey, giving her the love and parental care they would one of their own. She is now fourteen years of age. Mr. Hagenbuch is a Democrat and is serving as president of the Montour township school board. In 1909 he was elected a justice of the peace and is still filling this office, and he has also served as auditor of the township. For many years he has been a member of the Ridgeville Reformed Church, located in Cooper township, Montour county, which he is serving as elder. Fraternally he belongs to Myrtle Lodge, No. 858, I. O. O. F., of Danville, and is master of Danville Grange, No. 57. All in all, he is one of the leading men of his township and fully deserves the confidence reposed in him.

JOHN W. EVANS, real estate dealer and insurance agent, of Berwick, Pa., was born in Evansville, Briarcreek township, Columbia county, July 7, 1845, son of George Evans, who was a well known farmer of that locality. His grandfather, James Evans, was the first millwright in the county and built nearly all of the old-time water mills. He also owned a large tract of land in the county. It was for this family that the town of Evansville was named.

George Evans was born Dec. 18, 1809, in Berks county. He followed his father's trade of millwright for some years and then built a tannery at Evansville, which he ran during the intervals of farming. In 1832 he married Rebecca Shallenbarger. He died July 5, 1870, and his wife just ten years later, March 24, 1880. They are buried at Evansville. He was a Democrat and a member of the Evangelical Church.

John W. Evans attended the public schools until he was fourteen years of age and then took a clerical position with John M. Heller. In 1862 he enlisted in the 178th Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving until his discharge in 1863. Returning home he entered the New Columbus Academy, graduated, and then taught the Evansville school. The call having been made by Lincoln for one hundred days men, Mr. Evans enlisted a second time and

served four months. After this he held various clerical positions, took academic and commercial courses in Wyoming Seminary, and after graduating in 1870 came to Berwick and was made teller of the First National Bank. In 1877 he established the first insurance agency in Berwick, which he has since carried on with great success. He has laid out many of the largest subdivisions of Berwick and assisted in locating several important industries in the town. For several years he has been president of the company operating the Magee Carpet Mills, at Bloomsburg.

In 1871 Mr. Evans was married to Annie E. Young, daughter of Rev. Jared H. Young, one of the pioneer preachers of the Methodist Church in Columbia county. His wife was Sarah, daughter of Jesse Bowman. To Mr. and Mrs. Evans were born several children, two of whom are living: Mary, a graduate of Syracuse University; and Genevieve Bowman, a student at the Boston Conservatory of Music.

Mr. Evans is a Methodist in religion and politically an adherent of the Republican party. He has served on the city council, been burgess of Berwick for two terms, and the same number of terms held the presidency of the school board. He is closely identified with the various fraternal societies, belonging to Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., Berwick; Bloomsburg Chapter, No. 218, R. A. M.; Mount Moriah Council, No. 10, R. & S. M.; Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T., and Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., all of Bloomsburg; Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre; and Captain Jackson Post, No. 159, G. A. R., of Berwick. All that tends to advance the welfare of his town and its citizens enlists his sympathy and support.

SAMUEL R. THOMAS, deceased, was born at Callington, England, a son of Edward Thomas. The father was a merchant in England, where he died. He and his wife had children as follows: John, Joseph, Edward, William, Samuel R., James, Annie, Grace, Thirza and Mary.

Samuel R. Thomas grew up in his native place, where he received a good practical education and was taught the blacksmith's trade in all its branches, becoming a skilled mechanic, serving in all seven years. In 1853, he left England for America, and landing in New York City, came thence to Pottsville, Pa., where he followed his trade for two years. In 1855 he moved to Bloomsburg, where he found employment at his trade in the McKelvy fur-

nace. Later on he established himself in business on Iron street, Bloomsburg, continuing in this line for a number of years. As he was very expert he enjoyed a large patronage until he met with an accident which resulted in the loss of an eye. His death occurred Feb. 7, 1912, when he was eighty-four years, ten months old. His remains were laid to rest in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg. During his youth and early manhood he was a conscientious attendant of the Episcopal Church, but in later years was associated with the Presbyterian denomination.

Mr. Thomas married Emma Stone, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Knowles) Stone, who was born in England, and came to America when twelve years old. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas had children as follows: Mary M.; George O., who is married and has one son, Fred Ikeler, and resides at Nanticoke; Grace V., who married Charles L. Fairchild of Nanticoke, and has six children, Vida, Ensla, Lois, Marion, Emma and Henry Samuel; and Edward W., also married and living in Nanticoke, who has six children, Emma, Percy, June, Grace, Mildred and Lawrence.

Mary M. Thomas was graduated from the Bloomsburg State Normal School in 1875, and for twenty years was one of the popular educators of Columbia and Luzerne counties, beginning her scholastic work in Hemlock township. She also taught in Nanticoke, Wilkes-Barre, Plymouth and Bloomsburg, and is now residing at the homestead, No. 455 East street, Bloomsburg. Miss Thomas is a member of the Episcopal Church.

GEORGE B. JACOBS is now, in partnership with his brother John R. Jacobs, conducting the confectionery business in Danville established by their father, John Jacobs, over fifty years ago. The firm is now known as J. Jacobs' Sons. The members of this family have been highly esteemed throughout the half century and more of their residence in Danville, where the present representatives are classed among the worthy citizens.

John Jacobs, late of Danville, was one of the substantial business men of his day. Born in Germany Sept. 19, 1836, he was a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Weber) Jacobs, both also natives of that country, where they were farming people. They had a family of eight children, of whom John was the sixth. He was reared on a farm until he reached the age of seventeen years, at which time, in 1854, he came to America. His first location

in this country was at Pottsville, Pa., where he learned the trade of baker and confectioner. In the year 1859 he came thence to Danville, Montour county, and in 1860 opened a bakery and confectionery store, this being the beginning of the large wholesale and retail business which he built up as time passed. Mr. Jacobs retired from active participation in the business in 1901, since which time it has been conducted by his sons. His death occurred July 4, 1907. Mr. Jacobs was a man of enterprising nature, and was an interested worker in local matters, serving the borough for one term as member of the council. Politically he was a Democrat. He was well known in the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., Danville Chapter, No. 239, R. A. M., and Calvary Commandery, No. 37, K. T., of Danville, and also held membership in the I. O. O. F. and Knights of Pythias of Danville. With his wife he belonged to the Lutheran Church, which he served for years as trustee and treasurer.

On Dec. 1, 1859, Mr. Jacobs married Charlotte Frisch, daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth (Dietrick) Frisch, both of whom were natives of Germany. Mr. Frisch was a patternmaker, and followed his trade in Danville for some time. Mrs. Jacobs died Sept. 28, 1909. She was the mother of eight children, namely: William Frederick, Charles H., George B., Clara L., Alfred E., Elizabeth Margaret, John R. and Mary H.

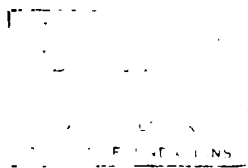
George B. Jacobs was born Oct. 10, 1867, at Danville, and had the advantages afforded by the public schools. He acquired a thorough knowledge of the bakery and confectionery business as his father's assistant, and in time acquired an interest in the business. After his father withdrew, in 1901, he and his brothers Fred and John carried it on in partnership until 1910, when the former sold his share. The brothers are enlarging the business steadily, and their goods have a popularity with the local trade that is well deserved. The bakery trade is both wholesale and retail and entirely confined to the vicinity.

Like his father, Mr. Jacobs is a Mason, and is a past master of the Blue Lodge (Mahoning No. 516) at Danville. He is a prominent member of the Pine Street Lutheran Church, of which he has been treasurer for the last twenty years. His valuable public service has included a number of years in the council, in which body he represented the Fourth ward from 1895 to 1898, and the Third ward from 1905 to 1908. In the fall



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of 1913 he was elected burgess of the borough of Danville, to serve four years, and was sworn into that office Jan. 5, 1914.

On June 14, 1892, Mr. Jacobs married Anna M. Bloom, daughter of Daniel S. and Esther Rishel Bloom, of Danville, and they have a family of seven children: Carl B., James D., Esther R., Alfred V., Arthur H., Frederick F. and Eugene.

JOHN R. JACOBS, partner of George B. Jacobs in the firm of J. Jacobs' Sons, was born in Danville Dec. 19, 1877, and there acquired a good education in the public schools, graduating from high school in 1896. He has since worked in the Jacobs confectionery business, for two years during the early part of his connection therewith acting as traveling salesman. In 1901 he entered into partnership with his brothers Fred and George upon their father's retirement, this association lasting until W. Fred. Jacobs withdrew in 1910, selling his interest to the other two brothers.

On Nov. 14, 1901, John R. Jacobs married Emma Bird, of Danville, daughter of Charles A. and Margaret Bird, the former a machinist. Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs have two children, Margaret Bird and John Henry. Mr. Jacobs is a member of the B. P. O. Elks Lodge No. 754, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, Montour Castle, No. 186, both of Danville.

WILLIAM J. HIDLAY, a farmer of Scott township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in that township Dec. 1, 1842, son of William Hidlay.

Henry Hidlay came from New Jersey to Columbia county, Pa., in young manhood, buying 320 acres of land in Centre township, for which he paid three dollars per acre. At the time he took possession of his farm the land was in an uncultivated state, and plenty of wild game was to be found within its confines. Henry Hidlay cleared it, and developed a fine property. Generous to a marked degree, he gave the land upon which the Hidlay Church now stands and took an interest in its welfare. His children were as follows: George, Henry, John, William, Millie and Sarah.

William Hidlay was born Jan. 25, 1803, son of Henry Hidlay, and became a substantial farmer of Scott township. Later he took a portion of his father's property in Centre township, and spent the remainder of his life upon it, dying there Aug. 24, 1864; he is buried in the cemetery attached to the church that bears his family name. William Hidlay married Mary White, a daughter of Samuel White,

born Nov. 28, 1808, died April 30, 1888. Samuel White was a pioneer of Orange township, Columbia Co., Pa. Children as follows were born to William Hidlay and his wife: Sarah, who married Mathias K. Appelman; Samuel; Martha, who married Daniel Vander-slice; Henry; Mary J., who married Richard Johnson; William J.; and Matilda, who married Charles Lee.

William J. Hidlay was given the educational advantages offered by the public schools of his native township and he remained with his father until attaining his majority. At that time he began farming on his own account in Orange township, on his grandfather's homestead, known as the Samuel White farm. Later he went to Briarcreek township and continued agricultural operations, subsequently locating in Scott township, on the Elias Krum property of seventy-seven acres of good land. At the same time he was interested in a machine business, traveling through Pennsylvania for six years. In 1888 Mr. Hidlay bought his present farm, and since then has been devoting all his time and energies towards its further development and improvement, having now a fine piece of property. At one period of his life Mr. Hidlay was a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal for a few years, and he feels that these different experiences have given him a broader outlook upon life and enable him to handle the problems which are presented to him for solution more capably and efficiently.

William J. Hidlay married Mary E. Krum, a daughter of Elias and Lydia (Lazarus) Krum, and they have become the parents of the following children: Hervey D., who is deceased; James C., who is living in Berwick, Pa.; John F., who is living at Espy; William R., living at Catawissa, Pa.; and Agnes, who married Samuel Davis, and resides in Scott township.

Mr. Hidlay has been very active in the Columbia County Agricultural Association, acted as a director for many years, and during 1911-12 was its president, so that much of the success which has attended the annual exhibitions is directly due to him. He holds the record of having attended every county fair since the first one, sixty years ago. Mr. Hidlay is prominent in other matters pertaining to agricultural interests in Columbia county, as he is master of Light Street Grange, No. 31, and one of the moving factors in its affairs. The Republican party has had in him a strong and valued supporter, and in addition to work-

ing for its candidates he appeared upon his township ticket as candidate for the office of school director and was returned to that office several times, serving in all nine years. He also served as mercantile appraiser. Probably there is no better known man in Columbia county than Mr. Hidlay, for he has come before the public often as the advocate of measures calculated to prove beneficial to the general welfare of the community at large. It is such men as he who are responsible for the improved condition of farmers and the added dignity now accorded to agricultural labor.

The Hidlay family attend the Evangelical Church. They reside on the old Krum homestead.

EDWARD SHARRETTS MARTZ, superintendent of the wheel foundry of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., was born May 20, 1873, at Martzville, in Briarcreek township, that county, son of Daniel Martz, grandson of Abram Martz, and great-grandson of William Martz.

William Martz moved from Berks county, Pa., to Foundryville, Columbia county, in 1810, settling on a farm, of which he cleared about 200 acres, and there he carried on general farming until his death, which occurred in 1854. He was buried at the Brick Church in Briarcreek township. In religious faith he was a Lutheran, and though he did not live until the formation of the Republican party his views were in accord with its principles. William Martz married Mary Beam, and they had the following children: John married Lydia Hagenbuch; Abram married Desiah Hetler; Daniel married Leah Fowler; William died unmarried; Harry married Hannah Bower; Susan married Frederick Shaffer; Betsy married Henry Shelhammer; Hannah married Daniel Fester; Kate married Benjamin Hetler.

Abram Martz, son of William Martz, was born at Easton, Pa., April 4, 1800, and on Aug. 15, 1826, married Desiah Hetler, who was born April 12, 1807, a daughter of Michael Hetler and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Henninger. Their children were: Mary married Henry Remley; Nathan married Esther Mellick; John married Susan Miller; Daniel married Mary Stout and lives at Martzville; Eliza married George Kelchner and (second) Rev. Edward A. Sharretts; and resides at Briarcreek; Samuel, who married Melinda Remley, resides at Martzville; Henry, who married Julia Rutter, resides at

Berwick; George died unmarried; Taylor, deceased, married Martha Stratton, who resides at Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa.; Lydia died in childhood. Abram Martz owned 200 acres at Martzville, Pa., where he carried on general farming. Having been reared and educated at Martzville, he was very proud of the place and could be relied upon to lend his aid in furthering any movement that looked for its advancement. The Lutheran Church had in him a helpful member, and he supplied all the material and labor as well as the major portion of the money required to erect the present church edifice. In politics he was a Republican, but held no office.

Daniel Martz, son of Abram Martz, was born Dec. 19, 1832, in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., and was educated in the Martzville schools. When still a lad he learned stonemasonry and followed the trade all his life. An active Republican, he was chosen by his party as a school director. He was a deacon of the Lutheran Church and in every respect a faithful member of that body. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow, belonging to Berwick Lodge, No. 246. Daniel Martz married Mary Stout, of Salem township, a daughter of Peter and Mary (Varner) Stout, of Allentown and Easton, Pa., respectively, both of German descent. The children born to Daniel Martz and wife were: Newton married Ida Bower; Abram married Sarah Moyer; Taylor married Elizabeth Dietz; Edward Sharretts married Bertha May Evans; Desiah married Ira Hampton; Della married Willard Wright; Ada died in childhood; Lydia and William also died in childhood.

Edward Sharretts Martz, son of Daniel Martz, was educated in the schools of Briarcreek township and the Berwick high school, being graduated from the latter in 1891, standing third in a class of fifteen members. On leaving school he entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company in the car shops, where he remained until the fall of the year, in September, 1891, going to Alexandria, Va., where he operated a brick-laying machine until the spring of 1892. Returning to Berwick he prepared for a teacher's examination during the summer of that year, and now holds a State certificate as teacher, granted him by the Pennsylvania authorities. He taught in the Briarcreek district schools for six years, in the summer of 1898 re-entering the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, now the American Car and Foundry Company. For six months he was in the machine shop, then going to

the rolling mill as timekeeper. He was next made wheel inspector of the wheel foundry; later was made its labor boss, then foreman of the mine wheel department, and after serving as assistant superintendent of the wheel foundry, on Nov. 14, 1911, became its superintendent, which important position he still holds.

Politically Mr. Martz is a Republican, and he served three years as town clerk of Briarcreek township; three years as auditor, and two years as school director. He has been secretary of the board of health of West Berwick for six years, secretary of the West Berwick council, and otherwise active in political matters. In religious faith he is a Lutheran, and has been superintendent of the Sunday school of the Martzville Church, and president of its Christian Endeavor Society; at present he is a deacon and trustee of the church. Fraternally he belongs to Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Berwick Encampment, No. 131, and Berwick Canton, No. 48, I. O. O. F.; to Pewaukee Tribe, No. 240, Improved Order of Red Men; and to the Grinders Club of West Berwick.

On Oct. 7, 1899, Edward Sharretts Martz was married, by Rev. E. A. Sharretts, of Martzville, to Bertha May Evans, a daughter of Harry M. and Mary Catherine (Shive) Evans, of Forks, Fishingcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa. She was born at Evansville, Columbia county, Jan. 15, 1881, and grew up at Berwick, where she was educated, graduating from the Berwick high school with high honors. Following her graduation she remained at home until her marriage.

George Evans, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Martz, was born at Evansville, Pa., Dec. 18, 1809, of Welsh descent, and died July 5, 1870. There he attended school, and after attaining to man's estate bought a farm of forty acres in Briarcreek township, which he operated in conjunction with a tannery for thirty-five years. He was a Democrat, and served as overseer of the poor. The Evangelical Church held his membership and he served it as a class leader for many years. George Evans married Rebecca Shollenberger, who was born Feb. 18, 1815, and died March 29, 1880. Their children were: Ann married Silas McMichael; James W. married Maria Paden, and lives at Berwick, Pa.; Minerva married Rev. Zachariah Hornberger; Rebecca, who married John McMichael, lives at Bendertown, Pa.; Tamer married Rev. H. A. Dietterick, of Montgomery; Sarah J., who married Archibald Shetter, resides at Harris-

burg, Pa.; John W., who married Annie Y. Young, resides at Berwick; George D., who married Celeste Siddell, lives at Elmira, N. Y.; Mary E., who married John Vance, lives at Mount Pleasant, Pa.; Harry M. married Mary C. Shives; Charles W. died in childhood; Martha E., who married Jared Belford, lives at Berwick, Pa.; Jessie B., who married Clark Thomas, lives at Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania.

Harry M. Evans, son of George Evans, was born April 16, 1851, in Evansville, Columbia Co., Pa., and there attended school until he was sixteen years old, at which time he went to Orangeville Academy. For a number of years after completing his studies there he taught school, and then clerked in a store at Hazleton, Luzerne Co., Pa., and also at Tresckow, Carbon Co., Pa. Subsequently he moved to Berwick, Pa., and entered the employ of the Berwick Store Company, where he has remained for twenty-two years. Politically he is a Democrat, and has been assessor of Briarcreek township for many years. He is a member, trustee and class leader of the Evangelical Church, and superintendent of the Sunday school of the church at North Berwick. He belongs to Berwick Commandery, Knights of Malta, and to the Berwick Beneficial Society.

On July 3, 1879, Harry M. Evans was married at Forks, Columbia Co., Pa., the Rev. H. H. Dietterick officiating, to Mary Catherine Shive, a daughter of Samuel and Sally Ann Shive. The children born of this marriage were: Bertha, who was born Jan. 15, 1881, now Mrs. Martz; and Charles H., born Jan. 9, 1886, who married Mildred Hicks, and lives at Jersey City, N. J.; all are living.

Samuel Shive, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Martz, was born in Bucks county, near Easton, Pa., July 14, 1820, and died Dec. 26, 1894. He was educated at his native place, where he was employed as a last maker. Moving to Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., he made furniture, but later went to Forks, in the same county, and in addition to manufacturing handles for farming implements operated a chopping mill for feed as an accommodation to the neighboring farmers. In politics he was a Democrat and very active in the ranks of his party. A member of the German Reformed Church, he served it as deacon. Fraternally he belonged to Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg, and to the Odd Fellows lodge of the same city.

Samuel Shive married Sally Ann Unangst,

who was born March 22, 1822, at Plainfield, N. J., and died at Berwick, Pa., Feb. 21, 1913. She is buried at Forks, Pa. The children of Samuel and Sally Ann Shive were: Malinda died in childhood; Mary Catherine married H. M. Evans; Alice married William M. Lemon; Franklin married Mary Burk; Albert M. married Eva Trump and (second) Jennie Utt; Charles H. married Stella Herring.

**JOHN TREMPER MACDONALD**, M. D., one of the most successful and progressive physicians of Bloomsburg, was born July 25, 1885, in Philadelphia, Pa., and is the son of Dr. John Macdonald, a physician of Philadelphia. The family is of Scotch and English ancestry.

John Macdonald, the Doctor's grandfather, was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, his father, Alexander Macdonald, being a landowner and a man of means in that country. His parents brought him to America when a child, and settled in Almonte, Canada, where he grew up and was educated in the public schools. In 1856 he entered the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and after six years graduated. He married Rhoda Church, a native of Vermont, and they had these children: David Laurie; Rhoda, wife of A. Collabaugh; Mary; Alexander; John and Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Auld.

John Macdonald, father of John T., was born in Almonte, Canada, March 22, 1851, and educated in the common schools. He went to Philadelphia at the age of fifteen and at the age of eighteen to Vineland, N. J., where he was later married. He was a traveling salesman for Henry R. Ragnel, manufacturer of woolen goods, for five years, during which period he studied medicine, eventually entering Hahnemann Medical College, from which he graduated in 1880. He was a Republican in politics. He married Floretta Ann, daughter of Samuel and Mary A. (Goodale) Gardner, of Chester, Orange Co., N. Y., and they had children as follows: Virginia F., wife of Elmer G. Brughler, of Bloomsburg; Flora, who died young and is buried in Northwood cemetery, Philadelphia; John Tremper, mentioned below; Stella, who died young and is buried in Lafayette cemetery, Philadelphia; and Daisy, who also died young and is interred in Northwood cemetery.

John T. Macdonald obtained his education in the public schools of Philadelphia and after graduation entered the United States navy

as an enlisted man, on the schoolship "Saratoga," under Captain Lawrence, as a medical assistant. He made a voyage of one year's duration, visiting Europe, Africa and the Island of Madeira. Returning in 1900 he entered a drug store, and in 1903 became a student in the pharmacy department of the Medico-Chirurgical College, at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1905. In 1904 he was a member of the research party, under Dr. Shaw, sent to British Columbia to collect flora, under the auspices of the college. This expedition was very successful, and specimens were sent all over America and other countries, to various museums.

From 1904 to 1909 Dr. Macdonald taught botany and materia-medica under Prof. Charles H. Shaw, during this time continuing his studies, and after four years graduated. He first entered the Frankford hospital and then the Samaritan hospital at Philadelphia, his services being principally surgical, under Prof. W. W. Babcock. In 1910 he came to Bloomsburg and began to practice his profession, being first located on West Fifth street, later moving to his present quarters on West Second street.

Dr. Macdonald spent three months of 1914 in Europe, taking up post graduate work in Vienna in surgery and X-ray work. He left Vienna shortly after the opening of the great European war, and had some very interesting experiences getting out of Europe. He is one of the foremost members of the profession in the town and is popular with his fellow citizens. Politically he is a progressive, and he is a member of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., and Caldwell Consistory, and of Van Camp Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Bloomsburg.

John Gardner, maternal ancestor of Dr. J. T. Macdonald, was born in Rhode Island and removed to Southold, Long Island, about the year 1740. He was a member of the family of farmers who purchased Gardiner's Island. By his marriage to Christianna Finck he had these children: James, who married a Miss Dolson; John, who married a Miss Hutchings; Benjamin; Samuel; Jesse, who married Mattie Carpenter; Hannah, wife of Colonel Shultz; Phoebe, who married James Hall; Kissie, who married John Loder; and Ruth, who died in childhood. John Gardner was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church.

Samuel Gardner, born about 1750, married Hannah Owens, who was born in 1762 and came from Orange county, N. Y. They were

married about 1777, and their children were: John, born Jan. 28, 1778, who married Elizabeth Wheeler; Ira, who married Maria Smith; Samuel; Jekel; Maria, wife of Harry Clark; Jesse, who married Mary Blaine; and Eliza, wife of Schyuler Busteeter.

Samuel Gardner, son of Samuel, was a farmer like his father. He married, about 1797, Nancy Parshall, and had these children: A. P., born in 1799, who married Elizabeth Gardner; Samuel, mentioned below; Hemar B.; Mary L., wife of Dr. Sands Davis; Elizabeth, wife of William Ellison; and Hannah Amelia, wife of Miles Davis.

Samuel Gardner, son of Samuel, above, was born in 1818 and died in 1899. He was a farmer in Vineland, N. J., and later a builder and architect. In 1847 he married Mary Ann Goodale, and they had the following children: Floretta Ann, wife of Dr. John Macdonald and mother of Dr. J. T. Macdonald; Stella Augusta, wife of James Eldridge; and Sarah E., wife of Robert Kilbourne. Mr. Gardner was a Democrat and a member of the Methodist Church.

GEORGE T. HOPPES, a well known citizen of Berwick and a leading factor in the Democratic party in Columbia county, was born in that city March 31, 1865, son of Elias and Mary Kramer (Smith) Hoppes.

Elias Hoppes, father of George T., was born near Shickshinny, Pa., March 10, 1837. In youth he attended the common schools and began business life as an employee of the Jackson & Woodin Company, at Berwick, as driver of a team, also working in their plant at Foundryville. For some years he has been a police officer for their successors, the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick. He is a member of C. G. Jackson Post, No. 159, G. A. R. In politics he is a Democrat and in religious connection a Methodist. He married Mrs. Mary (Kramer) Smith, widow of Hiram Smith and a daughter of Alexander and Parmelia Kramer. She was related to the old Santæ family that came to America from Holland in 1690 and settled in the neighborhood of Easton, Pa. This family name was also spelled Sandy, Sendie, Sendy, Sendee and Sendie. Its members were sturdy, reliable people, and their main occupation was farming. Mr. and Mrs. Hoppes have had the following children: George T.; Maud, who is the wife of George Shrader and the mother of Bertha, Mary, Anna, Estella and Martha; Jennie, who is the wife of Reuben Craver and the mother of Elias and Franklin; Hanley,

who is deceased; Clarence J., who married Jessie Gordner; Elizabeth; and Sterling, who married Fanny Frey.

To Alexander and Parmelia Kramer the following children were born: Albert, who married and had children, Mary, Abram, Andrew, John, Alfred, Josephine and Parmelia; Lucinda, who married a Snyder and had children, Mary, Vincent, William, Albert (who had children, Myrtle, Joletta, Lee and Lloyd), and Emma (who married a Swank and had two children, Lloyd and Charles), and Mary, who first married Hiram Smith and had Eliza, Mary, Charles, David (who had a son Edward), Frank (who had Lilly and Mary), and Daniel (who had Clinton and Bessie).

George T. Hoppes in his boyhood attended the old academy and the Market street school and had Professor Albright and Professor Smith among his instructors. In 1879 he went into the blacksmith shop of the Jackson & Woodin plant, where he remained for four years, then worked two years in the machine shop, and one year with the same firm in the pipe foundry. In 1887 he left there and for some time conducted a green grocery and restaurant on Market street, at the United Cigar Stores stand, then for the next two years canvassing for Maloy Brothers, of Williamsport, in the line of house furnishings. Mr. Hoppes then went to the rolling mill and has followed an industrial life there ever since. He is recognized as one of the leading Democrats in this section and has served in numerous important official positions, having been several times district committeeman, and three times sent as a delegate to the State conventions. He has held the office of auditor. He is a member of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church. Fraternally he is identified with Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta, and Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.

On March 31, 1893, Mr. Hoppes was married to Hulda Cedora Rhinard, a daughter of Samuel and Susannah (Erwine) Rhinard, of Evansville, and they have four children: Veda Maud, born Nov. 17, 1893, now married to Arthur E. Ravert, and living in Binghamton, N. Y., where he is a contractor and plasterer, also doing stucco work; Mabel May, born Nov. 21, 1895; Jessie Leona, born June 19, 1902; and Mary Elizabeth, born Aug. 12, 1905.

Samuel Rhinard was born Sept. 27, 1842, and died Feb. 24, 1902, at Knob Mountain, Columbia Co., Pa. He owned a farm of 400 acres, partly cleared, had a sawmill, and for years worked a limekiln. In 1880 he became

an employee in the wood car shop of Jackson & Woodin, where he remained for a time, but returned to his farm. His burial was at Housenick's Brick Church, Fowlerville. On Nov. 5, 1863, he married Susannah Erwine, and they had the following children: George A., born Oct. 22, 1864, married Grace Whitmoyer; Sarah Lucinda, born Aug. 9, 1866, married H. W. Fairchilds; Della Viola, born Nov. 17, 1868, married George Longenberger; John William, born Jan. 4, 1871, married Clara Bender; Hulda Cedora, born July 10, 1873, married George T. Hoppes; Verna Euphemia, born Sept. 16, 187—, married Ami Pegg; Charles Franklin, born Feb. 20, 1879, died Nov. 30, 1882; Mary Elizabeth, born May 24, 1881, married J. C. Hummell; Samuel Clark, born Aug. 16, 1884, married Mabel Sitler; and Virgil Roy, born Jan. 1, 1887, married Pearl Bender. Samuel Rhinard was a Democrat in politics. He and his wife belonged to the Evangelical Church.

John Rhinard was born near Bendertown, Columbia Co., Pa., and died in 1888 at that place. He carried on farming, owning 120 acres of land, and was a man very highly thought of. He was a Democrat in politics and a Lutheran in religion, and was buried at St. James' Church at Bendertown. To his marriage with Lucinda Smith the following children were born: Samuel; John; Levi; George, who married Viola Hess and (second) Elizabeth Shannon; Isaiah, who married Elizabeth Weaver; Daniel, who married Agnes Markle; Mary, who married Alfred Erwine; and Hulda and Emmeline, both deceased.

**GEORGE CLARENCE FENSTEMAKER**, who is one of Berwick's most respected citizens and always associated with the best interest of his native section, has had charge of the pattern storage department in what was formerly the Jackson & Woodin plant since 1899, and has been connected almost continuously with this large concern since the spring of 1870. He was born Oct. 29, 1854, at Foundryville, Columbia Co., Pa., son of John and Sally Ann (Foulk) Fenstemaker.

John Fenstemaker was born at Mifflinville, Pa., Oct. 23, 1826, son of Philip Fenstermacher (the last of the family to use that spelling), who was an iron worker at Foundryville, Pa., where he died. He married Catherine Walters, who was born at Mifflinville and died in 1875, and they were buried in Pine Grove cemetery. They had the following children: Elizabeth, wife of John Smethers; Jacob, who

married Ann Garney; Sarah, wife of Charles Gibbons; John; Savilla, wife of Alexander Varner; William, who married Phebe Garney; and Henry, who married Anna Boyer. Philip Fenstermacher was a Democrat in politics. His religious membership was with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

John Fenstemaker attended the common schools in boyhood and then entered the plant of the Jackson & Woodin Company, under D. C. McHenry, working as a molder all his life. His death occurred April 29, 1899. He was a man of excellent judgment, and on the Republican ticket was elected to the offices of councilman and school director in Berwick. He belonged to the Odd Fellows and also to the P. O. S. of A.

John Fenstemaker married Sally Ann Foulk, who was born Oct. 9, 1832, and died Jan. 31, 1912. Her parents, Peter and Mary M. (Sitler) Foulk, were residents of Briarcreek township. The children of John and Sally Ann Fenstemaker were: Mary, widow of John Gray (he is buried in Pine Grove cemetery); George C., who married Adella M. Fowler; Kate, widow of Miles Shultz; Amelia, who died unmarried; Dora; Joseph, who married Rosa Earl; and Charles, who is buried in Pine Grove cemetery.

George C. Fenstemaker attended school in the old academy at Berwick when S. C. Jayne was principal. In May, 1870, he began work at the molder's trade in the Jackson & Woodin plant at Berwick, at first being engaged there through the summers and attending school during the winters. He was a student in the Market street school when Prof. J. G. Williamson had charge. Later he began to work steadily as a molder in the foundry, under William Fenstermacher, foreman, and continued thus until 1898, in 1899 taking up his present duties. He is responsible for the preservation of patterns belonging to the plant, and is worthy of the confidence placed in him. Richard Bates is superintendent of the foundry. Mr. Fenstemaker is interested in public matters to some degree, votes with the Republican party, and has served in the office of school director. With his family he belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. His fraternal connection is with the P. O. S. of A., Washington Camp No. 105 and of W. T. Sherman Commandery, No. 23, of Berwick.

On Dec. 24, 1879, Mr. Fenstemaker was united in marriage with Adella M. Fowler, daughter of Enos L. and Lavina (Hagenbuch) Fowler, and they have two children: Maud,

who was born Nov. 30, 1880, married to C. Irvin Smith; and Howard F., who was born Oct. 19, 1893.

Gilbert H. Fowler, grandfather of Mrs. Fenstermaker, married a Miss Mack, and they had the following children: Enos L.; Pierce, who married Margaret Wilson, and (second) Margaret Weir; Charles, who married Elmira Edgar and (second) Jenny Hampshire; Silas, who married Eliza Solomon; John, who married Libby Leyburn; Alfred, who married Susannah Pealer; Lydia, who married Joseph Conner; and Jane, who married Reese Millard. By a second marriage, with Catherine Smith, Gilbert H. Fowler had: Elmira, who married Samuel J. Conner; Samuel S., who married Jenny Folmer, deceased; and Zachary Taylor, who married Jenny Watt.

Enos L. Fowler, son of Gilbert H. and father of Mrs. Fenstermaker, was born at Fowlerville, Columbia Co., Pa., in 1824, and died in September, 1860. He was a well known man in Columbia county, was active in the Republican party, and was somewhat prominent in local Masonic circles, belonging to Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., at Bloomsburg. He learned the blacksmith's trade and was in business for himself in Fowlerville, also carrying on general farming, owning 160 acres of fine land. He married Lavina Hagenbuch, who was born in Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., and they had the following children: Henrietta, who is the wife of Wilbur Dreisbach; Emma, deceased, who was the wife of Pierce Whitmire (she was buried in Pine Grove cemetery); Clara and Lloyd, both of whom died young, also buried in Pine Grove Cemetery; Mary; Adella M., who is the wife of George C. Fenstermaker; and Charles B., who married Annie Frantz.

Howard F. Fenstermaker, the only son of George C. Fenstermaker, born at Berwick, attended the public schools there, and after graduating from the Berwick high school during 1910-11-12 attended the Normal School at Bloomsburg, graduating therefrom in 1912. In the summer of 1913 he took a special course at State College, Pa., and in the summer of 1914, took a special course at the University of Michigan. He taught one year in Dallas township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and in April, 1913, was selected principal of the Chestnut street school, a signal honor.

In the year 1911 the board of education of Berwick, realizing the fact that the schools of the borough were greatly overcrowded, decided that a new building should be erected to

accommodate the increasing attendance. At first the question of erecting an addition to the high school building was discussed, but this was set aside in favor of putting up a new building on another site. The plan was submitted to the citizens of the town at a special election held on May 2, 1911, and it was decided to increase the indebtedness of the school district sufficiently to provide for the construction of a new school building. The work of erection was immediately begun, in the summer of 1911, and the building was occupied by four schools on March 11, 1912. Dedication exercises were held in the P. O. S. of A. opera house on Friday evening, March 15, 1912. The building was designed by Architect J. W. Heavner, and was built by Frank Fahringer, contractor. Much credit for the satisfactory completion of this undertaking was accorded Prof. James G. Sigman, supervising principal of the Berwick schools at that time, and to the board of directors: Henry F. Traugh, president; W. S. Johnson, vice president; B. H. Bower, secretary; James E. Smith, treasurer; Walter M. Sult, H. P. Field, Jr., L. E. Hess, T. Harvey Doan and Dr. F. P. Hill, the two last named being retired before the building was completed.

The cost of this beautiful modern structure was \$25,000. One feature is the provision for an abundance of light, the school being the best equipped building in the borough in this respect. All rooms have hardwood floors and metal ceilings, these sanitary finishings making the structure ideal for both teachers and pupils. At the time the building was completed it was generally thought that it would be necessary to equip fully only the four rooms on the first floor, and these were occupied as classrooms by John S. Hause, principal and teacher of the sixth grade; Helen Trescott, teacher of the fourth grade; Gussie Hinkleman, teacher of the second grade, and Mary Petty, teacher of the first grade. It was believed also at that time that it would scarcely be necessary to furnish the rooms on the second floor for at least two or three years, but in the fall of 1912 the number of school children was so much greater that the board found it necessary to complete the finishings in all four rooms. At that time J. Atlee Cryder was elected principal and teacher of the seventh grade.

From 150 pupils in attendance during the first year, the number increased to 300 in the second year, and by 1913 had passed that mark. In April, 1913, Howard F. Fenster-



maker was elected principal to succeed Mr. Cryder, and under his able administration constant improvement and rapid advance in school attainment have been made. The list of instructors in April, 1914, was as follows: H. F. Fenstermaker, principal and teacher of the seventh grade; Irene Snyder, teacher of the sixth grade; Laura Rogers, teacher of the fifth grade; Katherine Smethers, teacher of the fourth grade; Marie McGall, teacher of the third grade; Gussie Hinkleman, teacher of the second grade; Mary Petty and Helen Trescott, teachers of the first grade; Kathleen Jones, general assistant.

MARTIN L. BILLIG, funeral director and carriage manufacturer, of Numidia, Locust township, Columbia county, was born on his father's farm, two miles south of that town Aug. 17, 1862, son of Charles Billig. The family is of German descent.

Charles Billig was born in Locust township, attended the country schools, and learned the trade of shoemaker. He also ran a farm of 100 acres, cleared the land and erected some substantial buildings on it. He was a Democrat, and served as school director and supervisor. His religious connection was with the Lutheran Church, which he served as deacon. He died at the age of sixty, and is buried in the Reformed cemetery at Numidia. His wife, Elizabeth (Mowrey), a native of Columbia county, is now living in Numidia, and they had children as follows: Emma, Barbara, Alice, Mary, Henry, Martin L., Edward, Charles and Harmon.

Martin L. Billig remained on the home farm and attended school for four months in the year, sometimes working on the farm and at other times in a coal mine. Going to Bloomsburg he took up the carriage-making trade with Joseph Stricker, remaining there for three years. He worked six months for George Stricker, of Catawissa, and then came to Numidia and opened a business of his own. In 1878 he married Emma C., daughter of Michael M. and Catherine (Bachman) Hower, and they have had the following children: Cora, wife of H. C. Strine, of Milton; Raymond, who married Alice Gable; Katie, wife of Charles M. Rarig, of Locust township; Carl, in the naval service; Carrie, wife of J. W. Pursley (she was a school teacher); Newton, married to Edna Lindermuth, residing in Numidia; and Alva and Edgar, unmarried. Mr. and Mrs. Billig and all their family are members of the Lutheran Church. Mrs. Bil-

lig has been president of the Ladies' Aid Society for fourteen years, and during the same period three of the daughters have served in turn as organist with the choir.

Mr. Billig settled on his present place in 1879, erected the necessary buildings, and with the assistance of his son Raymond, as blacksmith, has built up a large and lucrative trade. In 1892 he bought out the undertaking business of Edward Kremser and since then has had the patronage of the entire valley. He employs two men all the time and draws considerable work from Catawissa. He is a member of the Odd Fellows, and has filled all the chairs in his lodge. Politically he is a lifelong Democrat, but had held no important offices. He is the health officer for Locust, Cleveland and Roaringcreek townships, is a member of the Locust Mutual Insurance Company and a member of the Roaring Creek Valley Telephone Company.

Michael M. Hower, Mrs. Billig's father, was a native of Locust township, where he worked at blacksmithing, also following his trade in the coal mines. Later he bought a small farm and cultivated it until his death. He married Katherine Bachman, and they had these children: Emma C., Alvaretta, Rolandus, Alfred, Hannah, Isaiah and Wellington. Mrs. Hower's father, David Bachman, who came from Berks county, married Catherine Yost, of Cleveland township.

IRA RICKETTS McHENRY, the leading undertaker and funeral director of Benton, Pa., was born in Greenwood township, Columbia county, Oct. 14, 1844, son of Benjamin McHenry and grandson of Daniel McHenry, who was one of the first settlers in this part of Pennsylvania, in the days after the termination of the Revolution.

Daniel McHenry, the ancestor of the McHenry family in this part of the State, was born in the North of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent. Coming to America during the Revolution, he at once enlisted in the cause of the colonists and served until the close of hostilities. Coming to Columbia county, he built a log house and took up a tract of land at the present site of Stillwater. His wife, a daughter of Col. William Stevens, an officer in the war of 1812, followed him to his new home soon after. Here they lived and reared their family of nine children: Benjamin, a farmer and lumberman; Daniel, who cultivated the home farm; John, the first male child born in this end of the county; Uriah, a shoemaker;

Moses, a farmer and lumberman; Elias, who was a colonel in the State militia; Martha, who married Alex Colley; Susan, wife of Robert Edgar; and Laura, who died unmarried.

Benjamin McHenry was born in Fishingcreek township and in youth removed to Greenwood township, where he bought a farm which he cultivated for a number of years. He then retired, and soon thereafter died, at the advanced age of ninety-three years, fifteen days. His remains lie in the cemetery at Benton. He married Lavina Conner, daughter of John, and they had nine children: Montraville, a physician, now dead; Alfred, living at Cambria, Pa.; Normand, living in Fishingcreek township; Thomas C., a physician, now deceased; Ira R., of Benton; Mary, deceased; James Boyd, who is now living retired at Benton, formerly a blacksmith and hotel man; Lloyd, deceased, and Alvaretta, deceased.

Ira R. McHenry attended the public schools and labored upon the farm in the days of his youth, and after a time took up the trade of carpenter, which he followed for fifteen years. Having accumulated sufficient capital for the purpose, he opened a furniture store in 1876, added an undertaking department, and in 1912 closed out the furniture department to devote his entire time to the direction of funerals. He now has the greater part of the patronage of the people of Benton and surrounding territory, and retains the esteem of the entire community.

On Jan. 1, 1867, Mr. McHenry married Elizabeth, daughter of Josiah and Alice (Turner) Fowler, and they have had seven children: Lillie, who is deceased; Jessie, at home; Daisy, wife of Walter Miller; Maude, wife of J. Fred Eves; Marvin R., who died in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war; Irene, wife of Harry Sims; and James W., at home.

Mr. McHenry is a Democrat, and is now serving a term as member of the Benton borough council. He is a member of the Christian Church, which he has served as elder and trustee. He is also attached to the P. O. S. A., the I. O. O. F. and the encampment in connection therewith.

CAPT. JAMES McMAHAN, of Revolutionary fame, was captured by the Indians on his farm in Liberty township, Montour county, now known as the Henry Billmeyer lower farm, near Pottsgrove, June 19, 1780. He killed his captors and escaped. When taken he was walking through the woods watching so carefully that he thought not a bird could

stir without his notice, when he was seized and thrown to the ground. Looking up he saw a Tory and an Indian standing over him. They tied him with a piece of hickory bark around the right wrist, then after emptying the powder out of the pan of his gun gave it to him to carry over his left shoulder, with the butt back. Then the Tory took hold of the bark and all started on the run over the Limestone Ridge to about the David Irland homestead, where the Indian left them. Soon McMahan heard the Indian yell answered several times. He thought it time to make an attempt to escape by superhuman efforts. He tore loose and seizing his gun with both hands brought it down on the Tory's head, turned and ran back to the south side of the ridge, and concealed himself in a thicket of hazel bushes. The Indian followed him and came so close he thought he was seen, and raised his gun to shoot him, when he discovered the lock was broken and had some of the Tory's brains on it.

JAMES W. SITLER, contractor and lumber dealer, of Berwick, Pa., was born Feb. 10, 1867, in Centre township, Columbia county, and is a son of Samuel H. Sitler, of that same county. His grandfather was David Sitler.

Samuel H. Sitler was born in Centre township, Columbia county, April 26, 1836, and died in July, 1898. He was a carpenter and farmer, owning two farms, of thirty-five and 125 acres, respectively. He was a Democrat and a member of the Lutheran Church. By his marriage to Caroline, daughter of John and Annie (Shaffer) Yost, he had children as follows: Harvey A., born Dec. 7, 1863, died young; Elias W., born June 10, 1865, married Lucinda Beck; James W. is mentioned below; Boyd J., born March 22, 1876, married Annie Hartman; Nevin S., born March 3, 1878, married Adela Payden; David Y., born Feb. 18, 1880, married Emma Learn.

James W. Sitler was educated in the common schools and worked on his father's farm and in the timber woods. He contracted for lumber when he was but eighteen years of age, at Knob Mountain, Columbia county, continuing this occupation until his twenty-third year. He then entered the carpenter business in Jamison City, doing general work under A. B. Herring for three years. In 1893 he came to Berwick, where he worked three years with Joseph Faust and one year with B. H. Dodson, and then started in the con-

tracting business for himself at No. 415 East Sixth street, making a specialty of residences. He also started a lumber yard opposite his home, in 1900. In 1902 he bought land between Market street and Mulberry, and Ninth and Tenth streets, and in the spring of 1903 started building a lumber shed, store and office, moving the stock from the old place to the new. On Jan. 6, 1903, the shed burned, but was rebuilt in the fall of that year.

Mr. Sitler has built up a fine trade and has contracted for many large buildings. He married Cora A. Whitmire, daughter of Daniel B. and Mary (Roup) Whitmire, of Centre township, on March 12, 1891, and they have children as follows: Hazel M., born Oct. 30, 1893; Harlan O., born May 23, 1898; and Leona M., born Feb. 17, 1903. Mr. Sitler is independent in politics, and is a prominent member of the United Evangelical Church, being president of the board of trustees, assistant steward and assistant class leader.

Cora A. Whitmire, wife of James W. Sitler, was born Dec. 28, 1869, in Centre township, and attended the common schools. She remained on her father's farm until her marriage.

William Whitmire, son of David Whitmire, came from eastern Pennsylvania to Centre township and bought a tract of 126 acres. Clearing a plot of land he took up the occupation of farmer. He married Sarah Bower, a native of Briarcreek township, daughter of Michael Bower, and their children were: Isaac, who married Elizabeth Hayman; Daniel B.; Hiram, who married Sallie Ann Erwine; and William, who was a Methodist preacher. William Whitmire, the father, was a Democrat, and a member of the Evangelical Church. He and his wife are buried in the old Ebenezer cemetery in Centre township.

Daniel B. Whitmire, born July 9, 1837, father of Mrs. Sitler, was a farmer of Centre township. He married Mary Roup, and their children were: Armina E., born Oct. 4, 1864, married C. W. E. Bower; Lloyd H., born June 21, 1866, died March 13, 1870, and is buried in the old Ebenezer cemetery in Centre township; Morris I., born Sept. 12, 1868, married Agnes Remley; Cora A., born Dec. 28, 1869, is Mrs. James W. Sitler. Mr. Whitmire was a member of the Grange in Centre township. On Oct. 22, 1862, he enlisted for service in the Union army in Company H, 178th Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Capt. Theo. M. D. Price, for nine months, being

mustered out July 27, 1863, at Camp Curtis, Harrisburg, Pa.

Daniel B. Whitmire died April 9, 1909, and is buried in the new Ebenezer graveyard in Centre township. Politically he was a Democrat and served as school director nine years. He was a member of the United Evangelical Church, which he served as class leader for a number of years; was superintendent of the Sunday school, also taught in the Sunday school; was at different times trustee, elder and deacon of his church, and very active in all branches of both church and Sunday school work.

REUBEN J. MILLER, a farmer, of Catawissa township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in that township Nov. 28, 1851, son of William Miller, and grandson of George Miller. The paternal great-grandfather died in Mifflin township, Columbia county, aged eighty-four years.

George Miller emigrated from Berks county, Pa., to Columbia county, coming with his parents, and became a prosperous farmer of Main township, where he died aged seventy-four years. He married (first) Eva Kocher, and they had twelve children: Daniel, William, Aaron, Nathan, Peter, George, Henry, Samuel, Lydia, Judah, Rebecca and Mary. His second wife was Mrs. Mary Mowery, and they had two children, Charles and Adam, the latter dying in childhood.

William Miller, who was born in Main township, there grew to manhood and became a farmer, owning 280 acres of land, formerly part of the old John Hartman estate, which property is now owned by his son Reuben J. Miller. The death of this excellent man occurred in January, 1911, when he was aged eighty-four years, and he is buried in the cemetery at Catawissa. William Miller married Elizabeth Shuman, a daughter of Jacob Shuman. The only child of this marriage was Reuben J. Miller.

Reuben J. Miller has spent his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. Having remained with his father he inherited the estate, and now has a fine 280-acre farm, about 120 acres of which is woodland. There he carries on general farming. A Democrat, he has served as road supervisor. The Lutheran Church holds his membership, but he does not take an active part in anything outside his farm. He has not married.

CHARLES KUNKEL, veteran of the Civil war and a highly respected citizen of Blooms-

burg, Pa., was born in Roaringcreek township, Columbia county, Aug. 15, 1844, son of Daniel and Lydia Kunkel, and directly descended from a famous German pioneer of the county.

The Kunkel family was founded in Pennsylvania by Georg Kunkel (the name is spelled Kunckell and Kungel in old documents), a native of Germany, who located in Berks county, Pa., prior to 1754. In Rupp's "History of Berks County" his name appears in a list of taxables of 1756 as George Kunckell. In 1759, according to Montgomery's "History of Berks County," his name is listed as George Kungel, and in that year he paid a tax of £6. At the Kunkel homestead in Berks county is an old hall clock, bearing the date of 1772, which was placed in the house at the time it was built, and is the workmanship of George Miller of Germantown. On the brass face appear the letters "J. G. K." It is supposed that Georg was given the name Johann Georg at the time of his birth, but later omitted the Johann in common usage.

Johann Georg Kunkel owned a large tract of land where Nathan Kunkel now resides, near Wessnersville, Berks county. This land has been in the family name since 1754. The original tract, which has been subdivided, at one time included all the upper end of Stony Run. By his wife Katharina he had a large family of sons and daughters, including David, grandfather of Charles Kunkel. Johann Georg Kunkel died at an advanced age and is buried at Wessnersville.

David Kunkel was born in Albany township, Berks county, June 8, 1769, and was a farmer, inheriting part of the old homestead from his father. He and his wife Maria Barbara had six children: Daniel, mentioned below; Rachel; Rebecca; Eliza; Catherine, and one whose name is unknown. The parents are buried in the cemetery at Wessnersville, Berks county, where so many of the family lie.

Daniel Kunkel, father of Charles, was born in Berks county July 3, 1809, and died Jan. 22, 1888. He attended the old-time "subscription schools" of the period and was apprenticed to the trade of blacksmith. After working at this trade until his fifty-fifth year he bought a farm of twenty-five acres, most of it woodland which he cleared, and cultivated until his death. He married Lydia Fahringer, a native of Lehigh county, Pa., born Dec. 25, 1815, died Nov. 13, 1901. She was a daughter of Amos Fahringer. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kunkel: Sarah Ann, wife of Edward

Strausser, is buried near Pittsburg; Andrew, born July 15, 1838, was killed in the battle of Antietam; William married Sarah Klingerman and (second) Emma Williams; Charles is mentioned below; Eli married Eliza Driesbach; Mary Elizabeth, wife of William Roup, is buried in Kansas; Eliza is the wife of William Laura; Jerry married Melinda Mowery; Peter, John and Harriet died young and are buried in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg. Mr. Kunkel was a Democrat in politics, but never held an office.

Charles Kunkel attended the old school-house in Roaringcreek township, and he well remembers the slab benches and crude furnishings of that primitive structure. For about three months of each year he went to school, mostly in the wintertime, until he was fourteen years of age. Then he confined his waking hours to the toil of the home farm until he attained the age of seventeen. For two years afterwards he went out to work as a farm hand for Vastine Boone, and then served an apprenticeship under Peter Jones at the trade of carpenter, working in Bloomsburg. For about a year thereafter he drove a wagon for the Aqueduct Mill of L. T. Paxton.

The beginning of the Civil war caused him to enlist, in Company B, 103d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, under Capt. George H. Jones, First Lieut. E. B. Yordy, Second Lieut. William E. Sterner. He was assigned to defense service at Roanoke Island, Morehead City, Fortress Monroe, Baltimore and Harrisburg, and was mustered out at Newbern, N. C., June 25, 1865, by Major General Schofield. Returning to Roaringcreek in July, Mr. Kunkel was ill for three months from the effects of the hardships he had suffered in the service. In the following spring he came to Bloomsburg and went to work for John Sterner at carpentering.

On Dec. 5, 1867, Mr. Kunkel was married in Bloomsburg to Mary Martha, daughter of Peter and Sarah (Hawk) Trump, of Orange township, Columbia county. She died Oct. 4, 1890, and is buried in beautiful Rosemont. To this marriage were born the following children: Minnie Elmerta, born Nov. 30, 1869, who died Aug. 4, 1870, and is buried in Rosemont; Clara, born Nov. 15, 1875; Lizzie May, born July 14, 1878, wife of A. R. Titesworth, of Passaic, N. J.; Franklin Arthur, born Oct. 13, 1881, who married Hattie Frey, and is living in South Bethlehem, Pa.; and Lula Ann, born Oct. 3, 1884, wife of A. H. Klase, of Danville.

After his marriage Mr. Kunkel continued to follow his trade and for a short time ran a private express car between Rupert and Kingston. He has done much carpenter work for the William Neal & Sons furnaces, and for the last thirteen years has taken care of the repair work at the Bloomsburg silk mills. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, and a Democrat in his political views, but very independent in action; he has been a member of the Bloomsburg town council. Socially he is connected with the Independent Order of Americans and with Col. W. H. Ent Post, No. 250, G. A. R., of which latter he has been commander and is now sergeant.

MARTIN LUTHER THOMAS, a well known citizen of Berwick, who has been identified with business interests there for a number of years, was born May 16, 1879, in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., son of George and Margaret (Bower) Thomas, and grandson of Henry and Margaret (Rabert) Thomas. His grandfather was a cabinet-maker and farmer of Salem township.

George Thomas was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., July 17, 1834, and after his school period was over learned the carpenter's trade. During his early manhood he carried on farming for his father in Salem township. He was prominent in Democratic politics and served in every township office, and was much respected in Salem township. He gave liberally to the Lutheran Church, of which he and wife were members. She was a daughter of Thomas and Nancy (Ernst) Bower, of Nescopeck township. They had children as follows: Firman, who married May Swank; William, who married Nettie Bell and (second) Alice Parker, both of whom were buried in Steuben county, N. Y., and (third) Ada Wilcox; Charles E., who married Lucy Crossley; John W., who married Millie Seeley; Jennie, who died young; George W., who married Addie Westover; Evan Tobias; Benjamin, who married Emma Stauffer; and Martin Luther.

Martin Luther Thomas attended the Stone Church school in Salem township and also, during the winters, the Beach Haven school, and later took a special scientific course at Susquehanna University at Selinsgrove, Snyder Co., Pa. During the summers, from the time he was old enough to be of assistance, he helped his father as a carpenter, until he became a clerk in the department store of J. M. Schain, at Berwick, at that time living at Beach Haven. In 1900 he left the mercan-

tile house and came to Berwick, going to work in the steel plant of the American Car and Foundry Company, under Foreman T. R. Buck and Superintendent John Heavner. He also was employed in the machine shop of the steel plant when J. R. Searles was superintendent, and Fred Stephenson was his foreman. Still later he worked in the engine room of the steel plant and during the summer ran an automobile for C. R. Woodin, director of the company. Step by step Mr. Thomas was advanced, and in 1907 he was placed in the coach department under Superintendent L. E. Hess, the general foreman being Bruce Dietterick. There he continues, and for the last four years has had charge of the specialty department of the coach department. In great industrial plants like this each man advances through merit, hard work accompanying every step of the way.

Mr. Thomas was married, May 18, 1904, to Sarah Caroline Address, who was born Oct. 21, 1884, a daughter of Lewis and Margaret (Hess) Address, the former a powder maker for the Du Pont Powder Company at Wapwallopen, Pa. Mrs. Thomas's grandfather, Peter Address, was a farmer in Conyngham township, Luzerne county; his wife was a Hoch. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have three children: Luther, born Oct. 21, 1905; Kenneth, born July 29, 1907; and Lenore, born Aug. 11, 1909. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas belong to the Zwingli German Reformed Church. He is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Berwick Lodge, No. 246, and Berwick Encampment, No. 131, of which he is a past chief patriarch. In politics he thinks and votes independently.

W. EARLE BROWN, general farmer, a well known and universally respected citizen of Main township, Columbia county, was born on the farm on which he resides, and which he owns, Nov. 20, 1881, son of N. H. W. and Margaret (Mather) Brown.

The Browns originated in England, and the first of the name mentioned in the family records was James Brown, who was born in England in 1716. After emigrating he lived first on Long Island, N. Y., and moved from there to Warren county, New Jersey.

Daniel Brown, son of James, married Rachel Brands.

David Brown, son of Daniel, was born in New Jersey, April 25, 1789, and died Feb. 19, 1868. He married Sally Lowery, in New Jersey, and they moved thence to Pennsylvania and settled near Hetlerville, in Columbia

county. Shortly afterwards David Brown volunteered for service in the war of 1812 and at the close of hostilities received an honorable discharge. The rifle and powder horn which he carried during the war are in the possession of his great-grandson, W. Earle Brown, as is also the family Bible.

Jacob Brown, son of David and Sally Brown, was born Jan. 28, 1812, and died June 11, 1891. He married Katherine Hutchens, who was born Aug. 28, 1811, and died Sept. 21, 1900. Jacob Brown lived in Northumberland county and later in Beaver, Main and Mifflin townships, Columbia county. He was a farmer and a man of some consequence in his neighborhood, serving as a justice of the peace, and was instrumental in helping to establish the common school system. He was connected with the New School Lutheran Church at Mifflinville and contributed of his time and money towards the erection of its house of worship.

N. H. W. Brown, son of Jacob and Katherine Brown, was born in Northumberland county, near Milton, May 25, 1839, and died at Mifflinville, in Columbia county, Nov. 28, 1912. He was educated at Missionary Institute, now Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa., in early manhood taught school in Columbia county, and was also an insurance agent, but during the greater part of his life he was a farmer. On Sept. 4, 1866, he was married to Margaret Mather, by Rev. David C. John.

The Mathers originated also in England and were of the Quaker belief. On account of English persecution of their religious sect they moved into Wales, and from there emigrated to Union county, Pa. William Mather, the original settler in this country, married Margaret Paschel. Samuel Mather, son of William and Margaret Mather, married Sarah Harper. William Mather, son of Samuel and Sarah Mather, married Sarah Bovard and moved from Union to Columbia county, settling in Greenwood valley.

Robert Mather, son of William and Sarah Mather, was married to Phoebe Eves, and their daughter, Margaret, married N. H. W. Brown. She was educated in the Greenwood Seminary at Millville and afterwards taught school.

Four children were born to N. H. W. and Margaret Brown, two of whom survive: J. Walter, who is a resident of Dixon, Ill.; and W. Earle, who owns the old homestead in Main township.

W. Earle Brown is a graduate of the

Bloomsburg State Normal School. Prior to settling down to agricultural life, he taught school, in both Luzerne and Columbia counties. On Oct. 5, 1911, Mr. Brown was united in marriage, by Rev. H. H. Helms, with Blanche Frey, of Wilkes-Barre, in which place her father, a contractor of Northampton county, had settled. Mrs. Brown was educated in the city schools and is a graduate of the high school, a member of the class of 1906. She was much interested in the study of chemistry and subsequently took a post graduate course in that branch.

ROBERT M. SMITH, a resident of Berwick, Columbia county, where he is engaged in contracting for house and sign painting, was born at Cunningham, Pa., Aug. 11, 1844, son of John and Catherine (Best) Smith.

The records show that representatives of both the Smith and Best families settled in New Jersey over a century ago, the majority of them becoming agriculturists.

Phineas Smith, grandfather of Robert M. Smith, was born in New Jersey, where he was extensively engaged in farming.

John Smith, son of Phineas Smith, and father of Robert M. Smith, came to Cunningham, and like his father was a farmer. His death occurred in 1910, when he was aged eighty-three years, the year following the demise, of his wife, in 1909, aged eighty-one years. She was a daughter of Michael Best, born in New Jersey, where he was a farmer and school teacher. John Smith and his wife had children as follows: Robert M.; Mary, who became the wife of William Faust, of Berwick; Rosilla, deceased in infancy; Alice, who is the wife of Charles Mason, of Hazleton, Pa.; George, who is a resident of Berwick; Evan, is a resident of Nescopeck, Pa.; William, who was accidentally killed; Charles, of Weatherly, Pa.; Lloyd, a resident of Bloomsburg; and Della, Mrs. Harvey Singley, of Wilkes-Barre.

Robert M. Smith, son of John Smith, was educated at Cunningham, Pa., and when still a lad assisted his father with the farm work. Until he was sixteen years old he remained on the homestead, and then came to Berwick, where in 1860 he began learning the painter's trade with a Mr. Van Houton. After completing his apprenticeship, he followed his trade until the Civil war period, when he enlisted for service in the Union army, being enrolled and mustered in at Troy, Pa., Feb. 26, 1864, for three years, in Battery K, 3d Pennsylvania

Heavy Artillery. He was stationed at Fortress Monroe. He received his honorable discharge at Philadelphia, Nov. 9, 1865, and returned to Berwick, where he remained two years. At the expiration of that period he went to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he spent a quarter of a century, in 1902 returning to his old home, and he has built up a large business at Berwick as a house and sign painter.

In 1875 Robert M. Smith was married to Seaneth Price, who was born Oct. 7, 1849, at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a daughter of William and Catherine (Grover) Price. William Price was a shoemaker by trade and conducted a shoemaking business at Wilkes-Barre until his death. His wife died in that city aged eighty-four years. Robert M. Smith and his wife have had children as follows: Elisha H., born Dec. 6, 1879, who resides at Berwick, married Mae Mack, of that city, and they have one child, Donald; Edith, born May 7, 1882, died aged twenty-one years; Nina, born July 2, 1884, is the wife of John Bath, of Berwick, and has four children, Clinton, Edith, Dorothy and Doretta; Goldie, born Aug. 7, 1888, is the wife of James Rhone, of Millville, Pa., and has two children, Robert and Millie. Robert M. Smith is a past commander of Capt. C. G. Jackson Post, No. 159, G. A. R., while Mrs. Smith belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps, of which she is relief inside guard, and she is also president of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church, to which she and Mr. Smith belong.

**HARMAN L. MORDAN**, a retired carpenter, of Mount Pleasant township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born at Mordansville, Columbia county, March 16, 1851, son of George Mordan. The town of Mordansville is named for this family.

Daniel Mordan lived in Mount Pleasant township, where he was a prosperous farmer and substantial man. His death occurred in the town named for his family, and his remains were laid to rest in the Canby cemetery, in Mount Pleasant township. Daniel Mordan married a member of the Labor family, and their children were: Peter, Daniel, John, George and Peggie (who married Noah Drake).

George Mordan, son of Daniel, was born in Mount Pleasant township and there developed into a farmer. His death occurred in Greenwood township when he was seventy-seven years old, and he is buried at the McHenry Church in Orange township, all in Columbia

county. George Mordan married Mahalia Kline, a daughter of Harman Kline, and they had children as follows: Thomas; Harman L.; Mary, who married Howard Oman; John; Margaret, who married Orval A. Welsh; William; Jane, who married Herbert Patterson; Daniel, and George.

Harman L. Mordan attended the local schools, and early learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked from 1870 to 1900, retiring in the latter year, content with his success. During his active period, he was kept busy building barns and houses in the rural regions. Mr. Mordan has invested quite heavily in farm realty, owning a property of ninety-eight acres in Mount Pleasant township, and two eighty-acre farms in Orange township, all in Columbia county.

Harman L. Mordan married Rosetta McMichael, a daughter of John and Sarah (Bomboy) McMichael. Two children were born of this marriage: (1) Myron D., graduated from the Bloomsburg State Normal, class of 1901, and is now principal of the Orangeville schools. He married Della A. Oman, daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Osmun) Oman, and they reside in Mount Pleasant township. To them has been born Velma May. (2) Erma E. is at home.

In politics Mr. Mordan is a Democrat, and he has served as a school director of Mount Pleasant township for three years. The family all belong to the Methodist Church and are interested in its good work. Mr. Mordan has accumulated his property through hard and conscientious work, and he is justly numbered among the reliable and representative men of Columbia county.

**WILLIAM O. OLIVER**, of Berwick, is a highly proficient mechanic, as his successful career in the rolling mills attests. Beginning work with Jackson & Woodin while still a schoolboy, during vacations, he continued in the employ of that concern until it was supplanted by the American Car & Foundry Company, by whom he is now engaged as superintendent of the nut factory. Mr. Oliver was born in Berwick Jan. 24, 1867, one block from his present residence. He is a son of Arthur W. Oliver and grandson of Enoch and Hester Oliver, who was born July 24, 1805, and June 9, 1808, respectively. They had six children, namely, James, who married Mary Davenport (he is buried at Wilkes-Barre); Emma, deceased (she is buried at Philadelphia); Delphine; Aaron, deceased (he is

buried at Pittston); Arthur W.; and Daniel, who married Mary Ebert. The father of this family was a Democrat in political faith. He was of Scotch-Irish extraction.

Arthur W. Oliver was born Sept. 10, 1837, at Beach Haven, about three miles above Berwick. His education was obtained in the common schools. He was one of the first men employed when the rolling mill was started, beginning as watchman, and eventually becoming stationary engineer at the Jackson & Woodin plant. In 1862 he went into the Union army as a member of Company A, 74th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served until after the close of the war, being honorably discharged Aug. 29, 1865, at Clarksburg, W. Va. At that time he was acting as teamster. He served under Capt. John W. Beishline. Returning to Berwick he resumed work at the rolling mill, where he was employed until his death, which occurred Jan. 18, 1898, though his health had been permanently affected by the hardships of his army service. He was entitled to membership in the G. A. R., and belonged to C. G. Jackson Post, No. 159, of Berwick. He was a loyal Republican on political questions. Mr. Oliver belonged to the I. O. O. F. at Berwick, to the Berwick Beneficial Association, and to the Methodist Episcopal Church. On March 31, 1866, he married Margaret Lynn, daughter of Samuel and Caroline Lynn, of Summerhill, Columbia county. She was born March 2, 1843, and died Aug. 7, 1905, at the Scranton hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are buried in Pine Grove cemetery at Berwick. They had the following children: William O.; Charles R., born Dec. 7, 1869, who married Elizabeth Manderberg, and resides at Pittston, Pa.; Samuel L., born Oct. 7, 1871, who married Elizabeth Sponenberg, and resides at Wilkes-Barre; and Harry R., born Aug. 19, 1875, who married Elizabeth Webb and lives in Chicago, Illinois.

William O. Oliver passed his boyhood in Berwick, moving from his birthplace to Rolling Mill street and later to Vine street. He was educated at the Market street school. In summertime he worked as call boy at the establishment of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company. When thirteen years old he began as saw boy in the rolling mill, under Superintendent T. W. Sherwood, remaining at that work two years. He then learned bolt heating, being employed at that work in the smith shops, and later he was one of the bolt operatives, heading bolts, working thus until thirty years old. His superior was James G.

Hempstead, now vice president and general manager of the Continental Bolt & Iron Works, at Chicago, who took a deep interest in Mr. Oliver and made a good mechanic of him. When Mr. Hempstead went to Joliet, Ill., he was succeeded by Frank Faust. When he was thirty years old Mr. Oliver was given charge of the bolt department, having about ninety men under his charge, and after thirteen years of successful work in that position was made superintendent of the nut factory, on July 14, 1910, still serving in that capacity. The department turns out nothing but hot pressed nuts. His long retention at work of such responsible nature is sufficient proof of his trustworthiness.

Mr. Oliver has been a good citizen of his native place. As an advocate of the principles of the Prohibition party, he has been active in opposing the sale and consumption of intoxicants. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is a leading worker, holding the office of steward and member of the official board. He has membership in Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A., at Berwick.

On March 27, 1886, Mr. Oliver married Annie E. Sherman, and they have one child, Margaret Lynn, born Nov. 16, 1889, who is married to F. M. Walton, born June 18, 1889, son of H. E. Walton. The Oliver home is at No. 310 East Second street.

Nathan Sherman, Mrs. Oliver's father, was born Feb. 16, 1837, and her mother, Almeda Ellen (Kishbaugh), was born Sept. 29, 1839. They were from Sloyersville, Luzerne Co., Pa., where they were married May 2, 1863. Mr. Sherman owned the farm he cultivated and later became a tanner at Sloyersville. After his service in the Civil war, from 1863 to 1865, he resumed tanning. When he removed to Berwick he entered the wheel foundry of the Jackson & Woodin Company, and after the death of his wife, which occurred Sept. 10, 1888, he was employed in turn at Allentown, Wilkes-Barre and Smithtown (North Berwick). Here he died in October, 1902, at the age of sixty-five years, and was buried in Pine Grove cemetery. He belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic and to the Berwick Beneficial Association, was a member of the United Evangelical Church, and voted with the Democratic party. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman had a large family: Mary Margaret, born Feb. 8, 1865, married James Davy, who was killed in the mines at Nanticoke and left two children, Annie E. and James; her second



husband was Samuel Stanaway. Annie E., born Feb. 3, 1867, married William O. Oliver. Minerva Ellen was born April 13, 1868. Rebecca Sabins, born Nov. 28, 1869, became the wife of Milton Baker and mother of George, Ralph, Cora, Thomas, Annie, Ethel, Freda and Ollie. Hulda Adosa, born Feb. 22, 1871, married Daniel Hill and had a family of fourteen children, five of whom died within a week, of diphtheria. Clara Della, born Jan. 30, 1872, married David Arndt and had five children, William, Arthur, Mary Bertha, Russell and Charles. Sarah Estella, born Jan. 30, 1872, married Thomas Search, of Jamestown, and has three children, Pearl, Ethel and Margaret. William G. W., born Aug. 3, 1875, died May 20, 1877, and is buried at Nanticoke. Cora May, born Dec. 12, 1878, married William Jones and had two children, Sarah and Martha; she died June 19, 1914, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick. James Irvin, born Oct. 22, 1882, married Lydia Sager and resides in Pittsburgh.

**JEREMIAH W. YOUNG** (deceased), formerly of Bloomsburg, was born at New Columbia, Union Co., Pa., Oct. 6, 1851, son of Rev. Jeremiah M. Young and a grandson of Henry Young.

Henry Young was born in Germany, whence he came to the United States, settling in Codorus township, York Co., Pa. His birth occurred Sept. 7, 1773, and he died March 9, 1827. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Kimple, was born Dec. 29, 1786. They had children as follows: Jeremiah M. was born April 1, 1806; John A. was born Oct. 22, 1807; Sarah S., born Nov. 23, 1810, died unmarried; Barnabas S. was born in August, 1813; Aaron A. was born July 18, 1816; Amelia C., born Aug. 31, 1820, married Joseph Klinefelter; Mary M., born March 17, 1823, married Benjamin F. Kohler.

Jeremiah M. Young, son of Henry Young, was born in Codorus township, York Co., Pa., where he grew to maturity. He was engaged as a teacher, and subsequently was a justice of the peace in his district. Still later he became a local preacher of the Methodist Church, and was so eloquent and successful in his religious work that he was made an evangelist, continuing his labors in that capacity for twenty-eight years. His work took him to different parts of the State, and he became a well known character of his church and day. Although he was a powerful speaker and could sway his congregations, he never looked for much remuneration, his first charge yielding him only fifty

dollars per year, although this salary was considerably increased later on. Still he preached from conviction and love of the service, and did not look for earthly recompense. The death of this most excellent man occurred in Butler valley, in Luzerne county, Pa., Jan. 20, 1876, and he was laid away in the cemetery at Hazleton, that county.

Rev. Mr. Young married Rebecca Nather on Dec. 15, 1833. She was born Jan. 25, 1815, in Codorus township, York Co., Pa., and died July 10, 1894. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Young: Cyrus G. was born April 9, 1835; Angeline S., born Oct. 18, 1836, married Allen Auchenbach; Rosebella M., born Dec. 27, 1840, died in childhood; Emeline M., born Aug. 21, 1844, married Frank Edgar; Martha A., born Dec. 16, 1848, married Charles Kerbaugh; Jeremiah Whitfield is mentioned below; Laura F., born Aug. 24, 1855, married E. J. Drumm.

Jeremiah Whitfield Young, son of Jeremiah M. Young, received a liberal public school education, and spent the greater portion of his life working in mercantile establishments. For eight years he was with John Wanamaker of Philadelphia, and was in the employ of other representative firms until his removal to Bloomsburg in September, 1906, where he passed away Aug. 16, 1911. His remains were interred there, in Rosemont cemetery.

On March 10, 1874, Mr. Young married Mary B. Jackson, and they had a daughter who died in infancy. Mr. Young was a prominent member of the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., in Bradford county, Pa.; of Caldwell Consistory, and of Bloomsburg Commandery, K. T. He also belonged to the Craftsman Club of Bloomsburg.

The Jackson family has been long established in Columbia county. Dr. Josiah Jackson, grandfather of Mrs. Mary B. (Jackson) Young, was one of the prominent physicians of his day, practicing for some time at Mauch Chunk, and later going to Dushore, Sullivan Co., Pa., where he died. He married Mary Webb Abbott, and their children were: Elizabeth Thompson, Mary Webb Lippincott, Emily Woodruff, Frances Gottlieb; George D., and Benjamin R.

Hon. George D. Jackson, son of Dr. Josiah Jackson, and father of Mrs. Young, was born at Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., April 16, 1827. After attaining to years of maturity he became a member of the firm of J. Jackson & Son, which conducted the leading mercantile establishment at Dushore, Sullivan Co., Pa. Following the demise of his father the firm be-



*J. W. Young*



came Jackson Brothers, and Mr. Jackson continued to follow this line until his death which occurred Nov. 23, 1879. The community considered him one of its representative men. Not only was he an excellent business man, but he was a figure of note in political affairs. Early espousing the causes advocated by the Republican party, he rose to local leadership in its ranks, and as its candidate was elected to represent his district in the State Senate, filling that high office with distinction to himself and beneficial results to his constituents. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, and devoted his talents to the conscientious discharge of what he believed to be his duty to the public. Many important measures passed during his incumbency of this office were either fathered by him or received his hearty support.

In addition to his mercantile interests Mr. Jackson owned valuable coal property in Sullivan county, from which his heirs are now enjoying a comfortable income.

George D. Jackson married Bernice Woodruff, and they had the following children: Mary B. married J. W. Young, and resided at Bloomsburg, Pa., until her death, Jan. 17, 1915 (she was buried in Rosemont cemetery); George Corydon is deceased; Alice Elizabeth married Thomas Irving, and they reside in Bloomsburg; Will Woodruff, a resident of Williamsport, Pa., promoter and coal operator, married Ida Green; B. Winifred is the wife of P. P. Sturdevant, of Passaic, New Jersey.

It is interesting to note that on her mother's side Mrs. Young was a direct descendant of John and Priscilla Alden, whose romantic history has come down through succeeding generations and is celebrated in story.

WALTER A. HUGHES, who is engaged in the real estate business at West Berwick, was born Sept. 18, 1874, in Kingston township, Luzerne Co., Pa., son of Edward W. and Elizabeth (Norris) Hughes.

James Hughes, grandfather of Walter A. Hughes, was a farmer in Luzerne county all his life, and the old homestead farm became the site of a flourishing borough of Luzerne.

Edward W. Hughes was born in Luzerne county Feb. 5, 1831, and died July 3, 1907. Farming was his business through life and he was a man of sterling character, possessing many of the admirable traits of his Welsh ancestry. He married Elizabeth Norris, who was born Oct. 27, 1831, in Orange county, N. Y., and came to Luzerne county at an early day. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes came to Columbia county when their son Walter A. was four

years old. They had the following children: Emma is the wife of D. O. Coughlin, a lawyer, and they have had eight children, six surviving; Louisa died at the age of thirteen years; Ella lived but three years; Eva married M. H. Croop, a farmer in Briarcreek township, and they have three sons; W. Frank, who is a mining engineer with the Lehigh & Wilkes-Barre Coal Company, also a dealer in automobiles at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., married Blanche Yaple, and they have one son, Edward W.; Walter A. completes the family.

Walter A. Hughes was reared from the age of four years on the farm he yet owns and operates in Briarcreek township. Through his untiring efforts in securing the charter for Rose Lawn cemetery, dated July 6, 1909, Berwick added greatly to her corporate limits, the property being now fifteen acres in extent, and if occasion demands twenty more acres can be added. This beautiful cemetery site is on Mr. Hughes' land and he is secretary, superintendent and general manager of the cemetery company. He is a large handler of real estate, mainly in Berwick and West Berwick, and during the last few years has done much improving, having erected new houses to the value of over fifteen thousand dollars. In politics he is a Republican, and in all that concerns the borough he is a very active and reasonable citizen. He is a member of the hospital board. For five years he was a member of the first borough council, had been for five years overseer of the poor, and pays considerable attention to forwarding movements for the improvement of the public schools; on April 1, 1914, he was appointed a member, and was also elected president of the school board of West Berwick. In October, 1907, he was appointed to the office of justice of the peace by Gov. Edwin S. Stewart, and was elected to the office in the following year, his term expiring Jan. 4, 1914.

On April 19, 1899, Mr. Hughes was married to Bessie Hagenbuch, a daughter of the late Thomas A. Hagenbuch, a farmer of Scott township, Columbia county. Mrs. Hughes has three brothers: Elmer E., Rutter D. and Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have one son, William Thomas, who was born April 9, 1905. They are members of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Berwick.

DANIEL R. MARKLE, for eighteen years night superintendent at the American Car and Foundry Company's plant at Berwick,

was born April 18, 1867, in Briarcreek township, son of Conrad William and grandson of Jonathan Markle, all natives of the same township.

Jonathan Markle, grandfather of Daniel R., had but ten acres of land to begin farming after his marriage, to Eva Adams, so he made a journey to Red Bank township, Armstrong county, in the hope of purchasing a more desirable piece of property. The trip proved disastrous for him, for soon after his arrival there he was taken ill, death following fast, owing to his age—about sixty years. He was interred in the cemetery near the place of his death. To his marriage were born the following children: Moses; Eli, who married Elizabeth Thomas, of New York; Abraham; Conrad William; Catherine, widow of A. Lynn; Abigail, who married a Mr. Grant and (second) a Mr. Hollacker; Elizabeth, wife of A. Thomas, of Ithaca, N. Y.; Julianne, who married Jacob Yocum (both deceased); Hannah, married William Thomas, of West Virginia; Mary, who married Richard Turby (both deceased); Charity, who married Richard Yocum (both deceased); and Levina, who married a Mr. Savitts. Mrs. Markle died at the age of ninety-eight. She is buried in the Summerhill cemetery.

Conrad W. Markle was the youngest child, his father having died six months before his birth. The family was large and his mother had little to depend on for support, so when a boy of nine years he was bound out to Peter Wenner, a farmer, until his twenty-first birthday. Of course the schooling he obtained was limited through the necessity for laboring on the farm, and when he reached his majority he had only his strong arms and dauntless courage to support him through life. He managed to save a small sum of money, and with this he bought an acre of land and started to make a home for his already growing family. Until his son Daniel was four years old he labored at day's work for his neighbors at Summerhill, and by that time had accumulated sufficient to buy a parcel of land along the Susquehanna, one mile below Berwick, measuring five acres. In comparison with the large farms of the times this tiny tract was considered too small to support even one person, yet by intensive trucking and the help of the growing children the family managed to make a living and put by a little for the future. For forty-two years the father lived on the little farm, each morning leaving at daylight to walk the track of the

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, through cold and heat, rain and sunshine, caring for the safety of the passengers and earning a living for the family. Finally, at the age of seventy, Mr. Markle retired, and he lived fourteen years afterwards, dying in 1908. His wife, born in 1828, died at the age of seventy-nine. Both are buried in the Summerhill cemetery.

Mr. Markle served nine months in the army during the Civil war, and was connected with the G. A. R. of Berwick. He was a Democrat and a strict member of the Methodist Church at Summerhill. He married Susan D., daughter of William and Sarah Staley, and their children were: Moses A. married Della Boone and (second) Clara Harpster; Charles D., deceased, went to Kansas City, Mo.; Sylvester married Elizabeth Boyer, of Danville, and (second) a Miss Taylor; William A. died in infancy; Frederick M. lives in Kansas City, Mo.; Daniel R. is mentioned below; Minor D. married Margaret Stevenson (deceased) and (second) Anna Nuss; David A. is living in Berwick, Columbia county; Ella died in infancy; Susan Mary is the wife of David Martz.

Daniel R. Markle attended the country schools of Briarcreek township and worked on the farm up to the age of seventeen, after which he clerked in the store of W. J. Mansfield, at Bennett, Luzerne county, for seven months. He then went to Kansas City to work for his brother, C. D. Markle, acting as bookkeeper in his coal office for eight months. Returning, he entered the machine shop of the Jackson & Woodin Company, at Berwick. He then bought out a bakery and carried on the business for two years, after which he sold out to William and John Witheridge and returned to the Jackson & Woodin Company. Here he was in charge of the rumblers and worked also in the chipping department. He next bought a home in West Berwick and started to work in the rolling mill, passing steadily from fireman to fagot boss and then to night superintendent, the position he holds at present.

In 1887 Mr. Markle married Ellen, daughter of Philip and Sarah Sponenberger, and they have had the following children: Edith May, born Sept. 8, 1889, married Roscoe Brader, who was electrocuted in the Standard Steel Works, at Burnham, and (second) Marvin Martin, a foreman in the J. G. Brill Car Works, Philadelphia; Grant Raymond, born Dec. 6, 1895, died Feb. 12, 1901; Pauline

L. was born Nov. 9, 1897; Esther, April 6, 1902; Martha Alice, Aug. 27, 1906.

Mr. Markle is a Democrat in politics and a member of the Berwick Relief Association. He is connected with Lodge No. 246, I. O. O. F., of Berwick, and with the encampment of that order. He is an active member of the Baptist Church, having held a number of offices in the organization.

Ellen Sponenberger (Mrs. Markle) was born March 10, 1873, in Briarcreek township, received her early schooling in the Knob schoolhouse, and remained at home until her marriage. She was formerly a member of the Methodist Church, but later united with the Baptists. Mrs. Markle is of German descent on both sides of her family, and is one of the eleven children of Philip Sponenberger, a prominent farmer of Briarcreek township, near Berwick.

MARK E. RITTENHOUSE, a farmer and truck grower of Briarcreek township, Columbia county, was born in that township June 8, 1856, son of Enoch and Catherine (Kitchen) Rittenhouse.

The first of the Rittenhouse family in America came to this country in 1732 and it is an old and honored family of Pennsylvania. A number of its members have become distinguished in various lines of endeavor, prominent among whom may be mentioned David Rittenhouse, the great American astronomer, who was a second cousin of the grandmother of Mark E. Rittenhouse. He was born near Philadelphia, Pa., April 8, 1732, and died April 26, 1796. He worked on his father's farm up to the age of nineteen years, when he became a clockmaker, thus drifting into the making of mathematical instruments. It is said that when he had his first sight of the heavens through a telescope he fainted. In 1770 he completed, from an improved model devised by himself, an orrery, a planetary machine to illustrate and explain the motions of the heavenly bodies. He was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society in 1768 and in 1769 made an observation of the transit of Venus. He was treasurer of Pennsylvania from 1777 to 1789, was professor of astronomy in the University of Pennsylvania from 1779 to 1782, director of the United States Mint at Philadelphia from 1792 to 1795, was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of London in 1796, and was president of the American Philosophical Society from 1790 until his death.

William Rittenhouse, the great-grandfather of Mark E. Rittenhouse, emigrated to America with his brother Nicholas and sister Elizabeth, and settled in Columbia county. Nicholas settled in Germantown, Pa., while Elizabeth passed away soon after coming to this country.

Henry Rittenhouse, son of William Rittenhouse, and grandfather of Mark E. Rittenhouse, was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., Sept. 7, 1792, and died April 2, 1878; he was buried at Berwick, Pa. He was educated in the public schools of his home locality, receiving such advantages as could be obtained during the short winter terms, and in the meantime assisting his father with the work of the homestead. He was reared to agricultural pursuits, in which he engaged on his own account on attaining manhood, and became the owner of 240 acres of land, which comprised nearly all of what is now Briarcreek settlement, the old homestead farm being now occupied by Milton Crooks. He married Rachel Hutton, daughter of James and Hannah (Lee) Hutton, the latter the daughter of Anthony and Mary Lee. Anthony Lee was born near Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, England, and came to Pennsylvania in his twenty-second year, soon after becoming a member of the Society of Friends. He died in Oley township, Berks Co., Pa., Dec. 12, 1763, in his eighty-fifth year. Mary, his wife, died Feb. 8, 1764, in her seventy-first year. The children of Anthony and Mary Lee were as follows: Thomas, born May 31, 1715, died March 15, 1791, married in 1736 Eleanor, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Hughes) Ellis; Sarah, born Aug. 29, 1717, died Dec. 22, 1754, married Henry Willets; John, born Nov. 21, 1719, died Aug. 10, 1803, married Jane Hughes and (second) Ann Edwards; Samuel, born April 7, 1722, died March 10, 1802, married Margaret Hughes; Mary, born Sept. 13, 1724, died April 15, 1793, married John Wiley and (second) Owen Hughes; Hannah, born Jan. 19, 1727, died Aug. 25, 1818, married James Hutton; Esther was born June 26, 1730; Mordecai, born Oct. 16, 1733, died Sept. 18, 1812, married Deborah Starr and (second) Mary Reed.

The children born to Henry and Rachel (Hutton) Rittenhouse were as follows: Ann and Enoch, deceased; Mary, who married John Rittenhouse, of Canada, both deceased; Sarah, who married William Heddings, both deceased; William, who married Eliza Varner, both deceased; Nehemiah, who married

Minerva Dietrich, both deceased; Uzila, who married John Maustellor, both deceased; Hannah, who married Wesley Freas, both deceased; Morris, who married Effie Britton, deceased; Elizabeth, deceased, who married a Mr. Kline, of Michigan; and Margaret, deceased, who married a Mr. Hull. The parents were buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick, Pa., the mother having passed away Aug. 17, 1872, at the age of seventy-nine years. They were Quakers in religious faith, and the father was a Republican in his political views.

Enoch Rittenhouse, son of Henry Rittenhouse, and father of Mark E. Rittenhouse, was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., Nov. 7, 1820, and died Sept. 1, 1901, aged eighty years, nine months, twenty-four days. He was educated in the schools of Briarcreek township, and proved an earnest and attentive scholar, making the most of his opportunities and storing a wealth of knowledge in his mind. He was brought up on the homestead and worked for his father until his marriage, following which he operated one of his properties for several years and then rented the Bowman farm, a tract of 150 acres, where his son Mark was born. He lived on this farm for one year and then, in partnership with Henry Britton, bought the farm of eighty-eight acres known as the Hughes estate, but not long thereafter sold his interest to his partner and rented the Rev. W. T. D. Clem farm. After spending fourteen years on this land, at the time of his father's death he returned to the homestead for one year, and then moved to the farm now occupied by his son Mark E., and remained there until his death. This property originally contained fifty-four acres, and was owned by Peter Wenner and Neddie Stall. Enoch Rittenhouse married Catherine Kitchen, of Greenwood township, Columbia Co., Pa., who died Feb. 13, 1906, aged eighty-four years, two months, twenty-four days. Their children were: Alem, who married Normanda Kromer, and lives on the old homestead; Samantha J., who married Clem Marteeny, of Berwick, Pa.; and Mark E. Mr. Rittenhouse was a Republican, and served fifteen years in the capacity of overseer of the poor. He was a Methodist in religious belief, as was his wife, and both are buried in Pine Grove cemetery, at Berwick.

Mark E. Rittenhouse received his education in the schools of Briarcreek township, where he secured a liberal education during the winter terms while assisting his father

on the home farm during the remainder of the year. At the time of his marriage he removed with his father to the Stall farm, where he resided for fifteen years, and then came to the farm which he now owns.

Mr. Rittenhouse was married to Mrs. Sarah (Hockman) Christian, and to this union have been born three children: Laura Samantha, who married William Yohe and lives in West Berwick, has two children, George, and Boyd Alem; Emma Catherine lives at home; Isadora, who married William Fischer, of West Berwick, has one child, Mark R. Mr. Rittenhouse has recently disposed of a part of his land, and is now engaged in farming and trucking a tract of eleven acres. He is industrious, enterprising and modern in his methods, and has won material success and position. He is a Republican, but not a politician, although always ready to give his support to good men and measures. His fraternal connection is with the Order of the Owls, and his religious association with the First Methodist Church of Berwick. During his long residence in Briarcreek township he has formed a wide acquaintance, in which he numbers many warm personal friends.

Mrs. Sarah Rittenhouse was born at Reading, Pa., March 3, 1858, was educated in the schools of Berwick, Pa., and remained at home until the time of her first marriage, in 1879, to Dr. T. H. Christian. One child was born to this union, Harry O. Christian, who married Ella Spollenberg and lives in Briarcreek township.

Henry Hockman, the grandfather of Mrs. Rittenhouse, died in Northumberland, Northumberland Co., Pa., about 1840, and was buried there. He was married to Mrs. Catherine (Mull) Diehl, the widow of Jacob Diehl. She came from Shoemakersville, Pa., and four children were born to this union: John, deceased; Mary, deceased; Henry M.; and a child who died in infancy. Mrs. Hockman was laid to rest in the Aulbach cemetery, at Reading, Pennsylvania.

Henry M. Hockman, son of Henry Hockman, and father of Mrs. Rittenhouse, was born in Pottsville, Pa., April 8, 1838, and is now a resident of Centre township, Columbia county. As a lad he accompanied his parents to Northumberland county, and after his father's death went with his mother to Reading, where he attended school. Subsequently he learned the trade of cigarmaker and later went to Philadelphia, where he devoted himself assiduously to learning the machinist's trade, at which he worked for some time in

the shipyard of James House. He remained in Philadelphia some three or four years, and then went to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he opened a tobacco store and manufactured cigars, in 1862 moving to Berwick, where he continued in the same line of business until 1873. Subsequently he embarked in the bakery business, which he continued to follow until his retirement in 1912. His first marriage was to Emma Miller, who was born April 13, 1840, daughter of Daniel and Catherine (Kirling) Miller, and two children were born to this union: Sarah, Mrs. Rittenhouse; and Laura, who became the wife of M. G. Smith, of Berwick. Mrs. Hockman died in 1886, at the age of forty-six years, and Mr. Hockman was married (second) to Mrs. Susanna (Lee) Ent, widow of Robert Ent, and daughter of Charles Lee. Mr. Hockman is a Republican in his political views, and has been honored by his fellow citizens with election to various public offices, including those of councilman of Berwick, in which he served one year, and constable, in which he acted for a number of terms. With his family he attends the Methodist Church at Berwick, of which he is a consistent member; he has been a class leader and a teacher in the Sunday school. He is widely known and highly esteemed all over this section of Columbia county, now residing at Light Street, in Scott township.

Mr. Rittenhouse has in his possession a number of cakes that were baked twenty-three years ago, when his father, Enoch Rittenhouse, celebrated his golden wedding anniversary. These cakes were baked in pans that had been used when the parents were married, fifty years before, and these same pans are still in service in Mr. Rittenhouse's home.

ISAIAH J. HESS and his son, Bruce A. Hess, are in business at West Berwick as undertakers and embalmers. They are descendants of an old German family, whose founders came to America in the first days of the settlement and founding of Columbia county. Frederick Hess and his wife, Elizabeth (Fleury), came from Easton, Pa., to Columbia county in 1812, locating just above the canal lock at Lime Ridge. Here he bought fifty acres of land, cleared it and built a home. He followed the trade of stonemason, ran the Stonytown ferry, and cultivated the farm. His children were: Henry; Susan, wife of Samuel Hagenbuch; Rebecca, wife of David Coleman; and Elizabeth, wife of Charles Hagenbuch. Mr. Hess died in 1820, his

widow in 1847. Both are buried in the Hidlay cemetery.

Henry Hess, father of Isaiah J., was born Dec. 12, 1808, near Easton, Pa. He was a small child when his father came to Columbia county, and being but twelve years old at the time of his father's death was taken by his second cousin, John Hess, of Wapwallopen, Luzerne county. There he worked on the farm until his nineteenth year. He then came to Centre township to learn wagon-making with Michael Hagenbuch. After three years he went to Lime Ridge, as locktender on the Pennsylvania canal, holding that position for ten years and sometimes tending his farm. On March 25, 1832, he married Maria, daughter of Peter and Sevilla Hayman, natives of Berks county, and they had nine children, two of whom died in childhood. The others were: Sevilla, wife of Dan Mourer, of Afton; Levina, wife of Wesley Hess; Joseph A., who married Levina Coleman; William Henry, who married Sevilla Hayman; Isaiah Jacob, mentioned below; and James Harvey, of Berwick. Mr. Hess in later life bought a farm of ninety acres near Lime Ridge, the deed of which, written on sheepskin, is still in the possession of the family, and there he spent his declining years. He was a member of the Reformed Church and had held several positions in the township government.

Isaiah J. Hess was born May 25, 1848, in Centre township, and worked on the farm up to the age of fifteen. He then began the carpenter's trade, and after completing his apprenticeship began to contract on his own account, building a number of houses in Lime Ridge. He also engaged in the undertaking business, being now the oldest person in that line in the county, having followed it for thirty-five years. In 1903 he moved to Berwick and formed a partnership with his son, Bruce A., under the firm name of I. J. Hess & Son, who have one of the best establishments in their part of the county. Mr. Hess is a graduate of Clark's School of Embalming of Philadelphia.

In 1875 Mr. Hess married Alice, daughter of Eleazar Hess, a native of Centre township, and she died Feb. 28, 1897, aged forty-eight years. To them were born children as follows: Bessie, wife of Charles Hartman, of Berwick; Bruce A., mentioned below; Mary M., wife of Harvey Stewart, of West Berwick; and Dea W., clerk in a hardware store in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Hess is a char-



ter member of Washington Camp No. 397, P. O. S. of A., of Lime Ridge, and was a charter member of Washington Camp No. 45, at Shenandoah, Pa., prior to moving to Lime Ridge.

BRUCE A. HESS was born Dec. 21, 1881, at Lime Ridge, Pa., and attended the public schools, after his school days taking up the carpenter's trade with his father. After a number of years' service at the contracting and carpentry business he moved to West Berwick with his father, and they formed a partnership in the undertaking line. Bruce A. Hess is a graduate of Clark's School of Embalming and of the Eckels & Genung school, both of Philadelphia. Socially he is a member of Berwick Lodge No. 246, I. O. O. F.

In 1903 Mr. Hess married Mary Remley, born May 29, 1882, daughter of Levi A. and Mary Remley, natives of Orangeville. Mrs. Hess died Feb. 20, 1911, the mother of three children, Margaret A., Geraldine E. and Helen Elizabeth.

On Dec. 21, 1912, Bruce A. Hess married (second) Pearl Alvaretta Bower, born Aug. 30, 1883, in Fowlerville, Centre township, daughter of H. F. and Ida (Mausteller) Bower, and they have one child, Nola Jane, born Dec. 31, 1913.

H. F. Bower, born Aug. 25, 1844, is a farmer in Centre township. His wife, Ida (Mausteller), was born June 9, 1860, and they have had the following children: Ruth; Mrs. B. A. Hess; Samuel E., who married Margerite Williams; Bessie, Mrs. E. M. Kocher; Blanche, Mrs. D. E. Sharretts; Pearl; Esther; and Florence. In his political opinions Mr. Bower is a Democrat. He and his wife are members of Grace Lutheran Church of West Berwick.

Samuel E. Bower, grandfather of Mrs. Bruce A. Hess, was born in Berwick in 1813, and died aged eighty-three years. He was a farmer. He married Mary Blank, who died aged seventy years, and they had the following children: H. F.; Ellis; Sarah, who married Calvin Herring, deceased; Elizabeth, who married Edward Wagner, deceased; and two children who died young. The father was a Democrat, and both parents were members of the German Lutheran Church. They are buried at Fowlerville, in Centre township.

SAMUEL K. HELLER, a retired business man of Berwick, Pa., was born Aug. 28, 1853, at Lime Ridge, Columbia county, and is a

descendant of one of the oldest German families of the county. He has been living retired for thirty years, but he has large interests in Florida orange groves and spends much of his time in that State.

David Heller, his great-grandfather, was a tanner by trade and came from Germany about 1770, settling below Mauch Chunk, Pa., where carried on farming until his death. He left five children: Mike, Reuben, David, Paul and John.

Paul Heller, grandfather of Samuel K., was a native of Lehigh, Carbon Co., Pa., where he married Catherine Sterner, of German ancestry. Their children were: David; John; Henry; and George W., mentioned below.

George W. Heller was born Dec. 13, 1829, in Sugarloaf, Luzerne county, and educated in the common schools of South Easton. He first worked as boatman on the Pennsylvania canal and then entered a cotton factory at South Easton. In 1849 he moved to Espy and went to work with his uncle in a boatyard. After 1865 he worked at the trade of boatbuilder in Wilkes-Barre, Honesdale and Leonardville, Pa., and in New York State. Upon his return to Berwick he was employed in the finishing department of the American Car and Foundry Company, under William Faust.

On Sept. 1, 1864, Mr. Heller enlisted in Company E, 209th Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Capt. A. C. Mensch and Colonel Kauffman, at Harrisburg, for Bermuda Hundred, Va., and was attached to the provisional brigade, Army of the James. He was at the siege of Petersburg, at Richmond, and in the battles of Weldon Railroad, Danbury Mill, Hatcher's Run, Fort Stedman, fall of Petersburg, Ottumwa and Alexandria, Va. He took part in the grand review at Washington, May 23, 1865, and was mustered out on the 31st of that month at Alexandria. He is now a member of C. G. Jackson Post, No. 159, G. A. R., of Berwick.

In 1852 Mr. Heller married Clara Mack, a native of New Jersey, and they had the following children: George, John, Henry, Molly and Lydia, all of whom died young; Samuel K., mentioned below; Aaron, who married Dora Burger; and James, who married Jane Renville. Mr. Heller is a Republican, and leans towards the Methodist Church.

Samuel K. Heller acquired most of his education in the schools of Lime Ridge, and learned the trade of barber. For a time he worked at Lime Ridge and then came to Berwick, where he followed his trade for some

years, eventually turning to the restaurant business. He retired from business in 1894 and since has been interested in orange groves. Politically he is a Republican, socially a member of Bloomsburg Lodge, No. 436, B. P. O. E., and Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A., of Berwick. Mr. Heller married Jennie, daughter of William and Clarinda Evans, of Evansville, and they have children as follows: Clarence, born Aug. 28, 1876, who married Vernice Hosler; Frank, born Feb. 21, 1878; Martha, born July 13, 1888, who married Walter Rake and has one child, Samuel; and Mary, born Jan. 13, 1895.

WILLIAM T. DAVIS, farmer of Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born May 14, 1864, near Jersey Shore, Lycoming Co., Pa., son of William T. and Adeline (Edwards) Davis.

Morgan Davis, the grandfather of William T. Davis, was born in Wales, and after emigrating to the United States worked in a number of mines in Dauphin county, Pa., where his death occurred.

William T. Davis, son of Morgan Davis, and father of William T. Davis, was born in Dauphin county, Pa., was there educated in the public schools, and as a youth divided his time between the mines and lumber woods. He was married Feb. 3, 1861, to Adeline Edwards, daughter of John and Mary (Smith) Edwards, and they became the parents of two children: Emmeline, born Dec. 19, 1861, who died at the age of eleven years; and William T. During the Civil war, the father enlisted for service in the Union army, joining a regiment recruited in Mifflin township, Lycoming county, and was stricken with typhoid fever, later dying in a hospital at Washington, D. C., when only twenty-three years of age. His widow subsequently married T. H. B. Davis, formerly a resident of Briarcreek township, who is also deceased.

William T. Davis, son of William T. Davis, was given ordinary educational advantages in the public schools, and during his youth lived with his grandfather until his mother's second marriage, when he accompanied the family to Briarcreek township. There he worked on the farm of George Miller for four years, following which he was employed in the sawmill of Headley Sult, where, at different intervals, he has continued to work until the present time. He is now the owner of a finely cultivated tract of thirteen acres, where he carries on general and truck farm-

ing, and is acknowledged, by reason of the results he has obtained, to be one of the successful agriculturists of his locality.

On Sept. 8, 1885, Mr. Davis was married to Della Sitler, daughter of Samuel S. and Sarah (Rheinard) Sitler, and to this union were born the following children: Jennie, who married Elias Weaver, of North Berwick, Pa.; Samuel, at home; Edward, who married Amanda Yohe, of Briarcreek township; Adeline, who married Oliver Lechlightner, of West Berwick; Robert, married to Gertrude Curtis and living in Briarcreek township; Ralph, William, Alverna and Herbert, all at home; and Mattie Florence, Frederick and Bertram, who are deceased. Mr. Davis is a Democrat in politics, and in his religious views inclines towards the Evangelical Church.

Samuel Sitler, the grandfather of Mrs. Davis, was a son of Simon Sitler, and a direct descendant of Michael von Sitler, who, on coming to America from Germany, leased land for one hundred years in Maryland, this property being at the present time the site of the city of Baltimore. Samuel Sitler was born in Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., in 1799, and died in 1863. He received his education in the schools of his day and locality, and when a young man removed to Briarcreek township, settling on the upper road at the foot of Knob Mountain. There he purchased a tract of sixty-four acres, and after clearing this property added a like acreage to it, and became one of the substantial men of his community. He married Elizabeth Shaffer, daughter of Henry Shaffer, and they were the parents of the following children: Samuel S.; Levi, who married Hannah Bower; Mary Ann, who married George Miller; Fannie, who married Henry Vought; William, who married Margaret Witmire; Nathan, who married Miranda Varner; and David, who died young. Mr. and Mrs. Sitler were members of the Lutheran Church, and were buried in the graveyard at Briar Creek. He was a Democrat.

Samuel S. Sitler, son of Samuel Sitler, and father of Mrs. Davis, was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., and here spent his entire life in agricultural pursuits and work at the blacksmith's trade. An industrious, energetic man, he won success through the medium of his own enterprise and honest dealing, and everywhere was honored and esteemed for what he was, a zealous and public-spirited citizen. As a Democrat, he was elected to the township board of super-

visors, and there displayed considerable executive ability. He died at the age of seventy-two years, in the faith of the Evangelical Church, which he had attended for a long period at Summerhill. Mr. Sitler married Sarah Rheinard, daughter of Levi and Ellen (Bower) Rheinard, and to this union were born the following children: One died in infancy; William died when three years old; Della became the wife of William T. Davis; Charles, who married Nora Michael, now resides at Berwick; Thomas, a farmer of Briarcreek township, married Annie Smith, who is deceased; Webster was next in the family; Mattie became the wife of John Weaver, of North Berwick; Hulda married Albert Taylor, of North Berwick; Orville, also a resident of that locality, married Pearl Hartman; Raymond lives in Berwick.

Mrs. Davis was born May 9, 1867, in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa. She received liberal educational training in the public schools, and was reared to habits of industry and thrift. Her early training has assisted her greatly in helping her husband to succeed. Like him she is very popular among those with whom she has fraternized, and there are few in the locality of the Davis home who have a greater number of sincere and appreciative friends.

MILTON H. CROOP, a leading farmer of Briarcreek township, was born Oct. 12, 1861, in Newport township, Luzerne county, one of a family of six children.

Henry Croop, father of Milton H., was born Nov. 2, 1814, and lived in Luzerne county for forty years, and then came to Columbia county, where he farmed until his death, March 14, 1889. His parents were of German descent. His wife, Elizabeth, born Nov. 14, 1818, daughter of Henry Rasley, died March 12, 1889, the mother of these children: Harriet, born in Newport township, April 30, 1845, now lives in Briarcreek, married Wesley Schaffer, a farmer, and they have four children, Elmer, Mary, Alice and Charles; Priscilla, born Nov. 24, 1848, married Thomas C. Kocher, of West Berwick, and died in June, 1911, leaving six children; Anna, born Dec. 12, 1850, married George Kelchner, a postal clerk, and lives in Scott township; Franklin, born June 25, 1855, a blacksmith, married Loretta Grimes and died in 1908, leaving a widow, who lives in Bloomsburg; Mary, born Jan. 9, 1858, wife of Sylvester Bomboy, a veterinary surgeon, is living

in Salem township, Luzerne county, and has one son, Harold; Milton H. is mentioned below. Henry Croop and his wife are buried at the Brick Church in Briarcreek township.

Milton H. Croop was educated in the country schools and became a farmer at an early age. He has resided on his present farm, which he purchased from his father-in-law, for the last twenty years. It has an area of 100 acres and is in a good state of cultivation. On April 2, 1890, Mr. Croop married Eva, daughter of Edward Hughes, and they have had these children: Roy, born April 28, 1891, living at home; Walter, born Sept. 13, 1898; and Frank, born Nov. 29, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Croop attend Grace Lutheran Church, of West Berwick, in which she has been particularly active, being a member of the Ladies' Aid Society, of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and president of the Adult Organized Bible class. Mr. Croop is a Democrat in politics, and served three terms as school director in Briarcreek township.

Edward Hughes, the father of Mrs. Croop, was a son of James Hughes, who came from the eastern part of Pennsylvania and settled in Kingston township, Luzerne county. He was a millwright, and followed that business all his life. He owned a farm, which was richly underlaid with coal, and he died wealthy. By his marriage to Hannah Sweatland he had the following children: James, Mary, Anne, Charles, Edward and Margaret. Originally a Whig, Mr. Hughes later became a Republican. In religion he was first a Quaker, but later became a member of the Presbyterian Church. He and his wife are buried in the Forty Fort cemetery in Luzerne county. Joseph Sweatland, an ancestor of Mrs. Croop, participated in the Wyoming Massacre, in which he was killed. His name is inscribed on the monument at Wyoming, Luzerne county.

Edward Hughes, father of Mrs. Croop, born Feb. 14, 1831, died July 3, 1907. He was a prominent farmer of Briarcreek township. His wife, Elizabeth (Norris), who was born Oct. 18, 1831, daughter of Joseph and Catherine (Morgan) Norris, now lives at the old homestead in West Berwick. They had a family of four children: Emma, wife of Dennis O. Coughlin, an attorney, at Wilkes-Barre, has six children, Elizabeth, Clara, Donald (a student in the law department of Lafayette College), Edward (also a student at Lafayette College, who intends to enter the medical profession), Emma and Walter; Eva, born Jan.

7, 1868, is Mrs. Croop; Frank, a civil engineer, of Wilkes-Barre, married Blanche Yapple, and has one son, Edward; Walter, a real estate agent of Berwick, married Bessie Hagenbuch and has one child, William.

GEORGE BREISCH, living retired after many years spent in agricultural operations, was born in Catawissa township, Columbia Co., Pa., Sept. 10, 1835, son of George and Rebecca (Nall) Breisch.

Jacob Breisch, grandfather of George Breisch, was born in Berks county, Pa., and as early as the year 1800 came to Columbia county and settled in what is now Catawissa township. He was a stonemason by trade, but in his later years took up agriculture, and was engaged in tilling the soil at the time of his death. He was buried in Catawissa Union cemetery. Five children were born to him and his wife: George, John, Samuel, Katie and Susanna.

George Breisch, son of Jacob, was born in Berks county, Pa., and was a lad when he accompanied his parents to Columbia county. With his father he learned the trade of stonemason, and like him also followed farming, becoming one of the substantial agriculturists of Catawissa township. Here he married Rebecca Nall, and they had children as follows: Joseph, John, George, Samuel, William, Betsy, Katie, Sallie, Susanna, Rosanna, Hannah M., Mary M. and Isabella.

George Breisch, son of George Breisch, above, was educated in the public schools of Catawissa township, and until he was twenty-five years old worked on the home farm. After that time he faced the world on his own account, continuing operations in Catawissa township until he reached the age of thirty-three years, when he removed to Main township and purchased the Lowenberger farm of 172 acres. There he resided until 1905, when he retired from active life and came to Bloomsburg, where he has since had his home. Mr. Breisch sold eighty-six acres of his land to his son Lloyd, but still owns the remainder of the tract, on which he erected a modern residence and barn.

Mr. Breisch was married to Mary M. Hagenbuch, daughter of Samuel Hagenbuch, and they had six children, as follows: Ida, who married Charles John; Lloyd, who married Emma Hallenbach; Ernest E., deceased, who married Belle Wallace; Charles, who married Lottie Krapp; Minnie, who married Edward Wertman; and Josephine, who died

at the age of fourteen years. Mr. Breisch is a Democrat in politics, has served seven years as roadmaster, and has also given his township a signal service as school director. He has been a faithful member of the Lutheran Church at Mainville, in which he has acted as deacon. Both he and his wife were members of the Grange at Mainville, and he was formerly a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

ERNEST E. BREISCH, son of George Breisch, was born Dec. 13, 1868, and died Feb. 14, 1906. He began his education in the public schools, later attended Bloomsburg State Normal School, and subsequently entered Lafayette College, at Easton, Pa., from which he was graduated in the civil and mining engineering course in 1894. At that time he went into the Virginia coal fields, where he was engaged in work at the time of his death, which was caused by injuries received there. His remains were interred in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg. He married Belle Wallace, and they had three children, Elsie, Russell and Ernestine. The widow remarried, and the family now reside in Ohio.

JAMES LEE, foreman of the rolling mill in the plant of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., was born Sept. 9, 1868, at Morris Run, Tioga Co., Pa., son of James R. and Sarah (Kendrick) Lee.

John Lee, the grandfather of James Lee, was born in England, and there learned the rolling mill business. When still a young man he came to the United States and located at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., being not only one of the first workmen in Danville when the first rolling mills were erected, but one of the first men to roll iron rails in this country. He remained at Danville until some time after the panic which occurred during President Buchanan's administration, and then went to Brazil, Ind., where until his retirement a few years prior to his death he worked in the soft coal mines. He was a Republican in politics, and active in the work of the Primitive Methodist Church, of which he was a member for many years. His children were as follows: James R., who is deceased; John, deceased, who married Hannah Kendrick, of Windber, Pa.; Richard and William, who both died at Brazil, Ind.; and Phoebe, who resides at Carbon, Indiana.

James R. Lee, son of John Lee, and father of James Lee, was born in Staffordshire,

England, Aug. 7, 1839, and accompanied his parents to the United States when he was thirteen years of age. His first occupation was as scrap packer in the Danville rolling mills. Later he was employed in the ore mines at Bloomsburg and Danville, and when a young man went to Morris Run, Tioga county, where for some time he followed soft coal mining. Subsequently he went to Burkes Station, on the Petersburg road, near Richmond, Va., and bought a farm, but remained only one year, as his family became afflicted with the fever and ague. He was of a religious and studious turn of mind, and having prepared himself became a local preacher, and after a number of years was ordained a minister of the Primitive Methodist Church, following which he had charges at Arnot, Covington, Canoe Camp and Morris Run. When he had spent about fifteen years in the ministry his health failed, and he decided to try farming in an effort to regain it. Accordingly he purchased 100 acres near Lewisburg, in Union county, Pa., where for twenty years he was engaged in general agriculture. At the end of that period he sold his land and removed to Covington, where he spent the last years of his life in retirement, although on occasion he would supply different pulpits of his church. He was very active in Republican politics, a member of the Republican State committee from Union county, and served as a member of the board of school directors. He was a member of the Odd Fellows in Morris Run and the Knights of Malta in Lewisburg, and at one time held membership in the Masonic lodge at Elmira, N. Y. Mr. Lee's death occurred April 1, 1913, while the mother, who survives him and resides at Covington, Pa., is seventy-one years of age, and still an active worker in the Primitive Methodist Church. Mr. Lee was married, at Danville, Pa., to Sarah Kendrick, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Thomas) Kendrick, and to this union were born four children: Anna M., who married David Evans (deceased) and (second) W. E. Brown, the latter of Clearfield, Pa.; John, foreman in the mines at Morris Run, Pa., who married Dora Highmarch; James; and Samuel Walter, an attorney, of Brazil, Indiana.

James Lee, son of James R. Lee, was educated in the schools of Morris Run, which he attended until he was ten years old. At that time he went to work in the soft coal mines as doortender of the shaft, where he remained two years. Subsequently he went to work

digging coal with his brothers, and then spent one year at the washer for the coke burner at Arnot, dug coal at Antrim for one year, and then went to Gazzam, Clearfield county, where he drove mules and for one and a half years was boss mule driver in the mines. On leaving Gazzam he went to Milton, Pa., where he worked as a puddle helper in the Jenkins rolling mills, and then went back to the farm near Lewisburg. Realizing the need of further education, he walked each day to the Lewisburg high school, a distance of about four miles, and studied there for two terms. When nineteen years old he secured employment in the Lewisburg chair factory, working on a wood planer for one year, and then spent three years in learning the trade of puddler at the Lewisburg Iron Works. Thoroughly trained for his work, he came to Berwick and entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Company, and after five years as a puddler was promoted to night foreman. Five years later his steady and efficient services gained him the position of foreman, and at this time he has entire charge of the puddling department. In 1910 Mr. Lee opened a cigar store at the corner of Second and Oak streets, Berwick, and has since been adding different goods to his stock, the business style of the enterprise now being the Lee Variety Store. He has since erected a new building, and the business is conducted by his son Walter H. Lee. His success in life has come as a direct result of his own industry and well directed efforts, and through no happy circumstance or chance. He takes a keen and intelligent interest in political matters, and has been Republican county committeeman for the Northwest ward of Berwick for the last eleven years. His fraternal affiliations include membership in Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows; Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta; and Reliance Fire Company, No. 1, of which he is assistant secretary, and a member of the board of trustees. He was appointed a trustee of the Berwick Hospital, and is a member of the Berwick Club. His religious belief is that of the Presbyterian Church.

In April, 1890, Mr. Lee was married to Clara A. Milheim, who was born at Milton, Pa., July 7, 1872, daughter of John Wesley and Elizabeth Jane (Hoppler) Milheim. Mrs. Lee was educated at Milton, and resided with her parents until the time of her marriage. Like her husband she is very popular in Ber-

wick, and is a leading member of the Ladies' Aid Society and the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have one son, Walter H., born May 27, 1891, an enterprising young business man of Berwick. On March 4, 1914, he married Blanche Hazel Griggs, Berwick, who was born March 1, 1895, daughter of Joseph C. and Arlintha (Johnson) Griggs.

Jacob Milheim, grandfather of Mrs. Lee, was a tenant farmer on the old poorhouse farm at Mooresburg, Pa., and there died at an advanced age. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Israel; John W.; Francis; Gilbert, who lives at Grovania, Montour Co., Pa.; Ruth, who married Albert Robinson, of Danville; Jane, who married Joseph Gilbert, also of Danville; and Elizabeth, the widow of George Gibson, of Harrisburg. The father died when eighty-two years of age, and the mother aged eighty years, and both are buried at Mooresburg. They were members of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Milheim was a Republican in political matters, although his interest in public affairs was confined to his support of movements which he believed would benefit his community.

John Wesley Milheim, son of Jacob Milheim, and father of Mrs. Lee, was born at Mooresburg, near Milton, Northumberland Co., Pa., in 1847, and there received his education. Early in life he became a brakeman on the Catawissa branch of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad, was subsequently promoted to fireman, then to engineer of a freight train, and later, while engineer at Clements' sawmill, at Sunbury, met an accidental death, at the age of fifty-two years, being struck on the head by a block of wood thrown from a wood planer. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, a Republican in politics, and a faithful member of the old German Lutheran Church. He was buried in the cemetery at Milton, Pa., as was also his wife, who was an active church worker and a member of a number of religious societies. Mr. Milheim married Elizabeth Jane Hoppler, who was born Dec. 25, 1847, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Ann Hoppler, and died Jan. 21, 1891. Their children were as follows: Ida, the widow of Alfred Slifer, of Philadelphia; William Edgar, of West Berwick, who married Caroline Shultz; Oscar Laniger, who died in infancy; and Clara A., who married James Lee.

MORRIS I. WHITMIRE, a general farmer of Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in that township Sept. 12, 1868, a son of Daniel B. Whitmire.

David Whitmire, a great-grandfather of Morris I. Whitmire, founded the family in Columbia county, coming here from eastern Pennsylvania. He had three sons; David, William and George.

William Whitmire, son of David Whitmire and grandfather of Morris I. Whitmire, was born in eastern Pennsylvania, whence he came to Centre township, Columbia county, locating on a farm of 126 acres on which he carried on general farming the remainder of his useful life. Prior to his death he divided his farm between his two sons, Isaac and Daniel, share and share alike, and lived retired until death claimed him, caused by cancer. Politically he was a Democrat, but never held office. Formerly a member of the old Lutheran Church, he found himself during his latter life more in sympathy with the United Evangelical Church, and connected himself with it. He and his wife are buried in the Old Ebenezer cemetery in Centre township. William Whitmire married Sarah Bower of Briar-creek township, a daughter of Michael Bower, and they had children as follows: Isaac married Elizabeth Hayman, and both are deceased; Daniel B., who is deceased, married Mary Roup; William, who is deceased, was a traveling preacher; Hiram, deceased, married Sallie Ann Erwine, of Berwick.

Daniel B. Whitmire, son of William Whitmire, and father of Morris I. Whitmire, was born in Centre township July 9, 1837, and died April 9, 1909. Like many other farmer boys, Daniel B. Whitmire grew up on his father's farm and alternated working on it with attendance at the schools of his district. In 1895 he left the homestead to operate a new farm of forty-four acres which he bought from David Whitmire, and on that place he died. His agricultural operations were always along the line of general farming, and he made a success of his work. During the Civil war he served for nine months in the Union army, enlisting in Company H, 178th Pennsylvania Regiment, on Oct. 22, 1862. He was mustered out at Camp Curtin on July 27, 1863.

Daniel B. Whitmire married Mary Roup, a daughter of Jacob and Anna (Lehr) Roup, and their children have been: Armina E., born Oct. 4, 1864, married Charles W. E. Bower, of Centre township; Lloyd H., born June 21, 1866, died March 13, 1870; Cora

A., born Dec. 28, 1869, married James W. Sitler; Morris I. is mentioned at length below.

Politically Daniel B. Whitmire was a Democrat, but he did not aspire towards public honors. His interests rather were centered in his church, as he belonged to the United Evangelical denomination, and was class leader for many years, as well as trustee, elder and deacon. Not only did he render valued service as teacher in the Sunday school, but he was also superintendent of it for a long period. Interested in educational matters, he acted as a school director as long as he felt he could spare the time, and was as faithful in this respect as he was in all other responsibilities. He and his excellent wife lie buried in the New Ebenezer graveyard in Centre township.

Morris I. Whitmire, son of Daniel B. Whitmire, attended the school of Centre township until he was nineteen years old, and worked for his father until the latter's death, conducting the homestead place and the new farm his father bought late in life. This latter was sold after Daniel B. Whitmire's death, Morris I. Whitmire inheriting the homestead as his share of his father's estate. On it he is carrying on general farming with very satisfactory results.

In politics Mr. Whitmire is a Democrat, but has independent tendencies, feeling that it is not wise for a voter to confine himself exclusively to party nominees. At present he is carrying on the work his father started as a school director, and proving very able as a guardian of educational matters. Like his father he is an enthusiastic church worker, belonging to the United Evangelical Church, which he has served as class leader and assistant leader a number of times, and is now one of the church trustees. At different times he has filled all of the church offices, and is at present superintendent of the Sunday school.

On Dec. 19, 1895, Morris I. Whitmire married Agnes Remley, a daughter of Levi A. and Ellen (Thornton) Remley. Mr. and Mrs. Whitmire became the parents of the following children: Helen Mabel, born Sept. 24, 1896, who died Feb. 12, 1897; Lena Armina, born Aug. 30, 1898, who died May 8, 1899; Dolah Alberta, born Nov. 1, 1900; Ruth Irene, born Jan. 21, 1903; and Mahlon Kenneth, born June 24, 1906.

John L. Remley, grandfather of Mrs. Whitmire, was a stonemason of Centre township, and followed that trade all his mature life. He died in Centre township about 1894, aged sixty years. John L. Remley married Catherine

Whitmire, a daughter of George Whitmire, and their children were: Levi A.; Phoebe, who married James Shellhammer, of Centre township; George, who married Alice Young, of Centre township; Henry, who married Alberta Gerhardt, of Centre township; Alvira, who married Harvey Hill, of Berwick; and Alverna, twin sister of Alvira, who married Harvey Robbins, of Fishingcreek township. Mrs. Remley died and was buried in the Old Ebenezer cemetery in Centre township. Later John L. Remley was married (second) to Sallie Peifer, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Lowry) Peifer, and their children were: Nora, who married John Trough, of Berwick; David, who married Catherine Morris, of Bloomsburg; Hiram, who married Annie Jones, of Berwick; Gertrude, who married Albert Thomas; Clara, who married William Walk; Jennie; and William, who married Jessie Walp, of Berwick. John L. Remley was a Democrat, but did not hold office, preferring to devote himself to his private affairs. The United Evangelical Church held his membership and received his generous support. His remains were laid to rest in the new Ebenezer graveyard in Centre township, where so many of his family repose.

Levi A. Remley was born in Centre township Feb. 14, 1854, son of John L. Remley. He was educated in the schools of his native place and the Orangeville Academy, after which he learned the stonemason's trade with his father. Following this he was engaged along various lines, clerking in a store at Fowlerville, and later in one at Orangeville. Being licensed to preach the gospel, he became local preacher of some note on the Rohrsburg circuit, and later took charge of the church at Rohrsburg, as there was no regular clergyman. All his life he has been a leading light of his church, carrying out in his everyday duties the principles he advocated in the pulpit, thus wielding a powerful influence for good. The Democratic party has had in him a faithful exponent from his early days, and he was a school director several terms, assessor of his township, and a member of the election board, and is still interested in seeing the candidates of his party win. He has now retired from active life, and is residing with his wife at Orangeville, Pa. Orangeville Grange has in him a consistent member; he formerly belonged to the P. O. S. of A.

Levi A. Remley married Ellen Thornton, a daughter of Edward and Leah Thornton, and

their children have been: Edward, who is deceased, married Flora Young; Harry lives with his parents; Lucinda, deceased, married Bruce Hess, of Berwick; Berdie is at home; Sherman married Romaine Megargle, of Orangeville; Agnes is Mrs. Whitmire.

Mrs. Agnes (Remley) Whitmire, daughter of Levi A. Remley and wife of Morris I. Whitmire, was born Dec. 18, 1878, in Centre township, where she attended school. Prior to her marriage she worked for a time, thus gaining a practical knowledge of housekeeping which has proved of great value to her in her own home. She is very much interested in Sunday school work, being now a teacher in that body connected with her church, and she is also a member of the K. L. C. E.

MICHAEL EDWARD KINDIG, contractor and builder of Berwick, Pa., was born Jan. 11, 1881, at Bendertown, Fishingcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., son of Charles Frederick and Rachel (Wenner) Kindig.

The paternal grandfather of Michael E. Kindig came from Northampton county, Pa., in young manhood to Columbia county and settled at the Forks in Fishingcreek township. There he continued to carry on general farming on his tract of 125 acres until the time of his death. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Henry, who married Catherine White—both now deceased; Christopher, who died at the age of eighty-four years; Charles Frederick; Jacob, deceased, who married Hannah Laubach, of Fishingcreek township, who is now residing at the old homestead; Susan, who married John Y. Allegar—both deceased; Catherine, who married John Emery—both deceased; Eliza, the widow of Fred Hartman; and Hannah, who married John Beck—both deceased. The grandparents were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and are buried in the cemetery at Jonestown, Pa. The grandfather was a Democrat, but not a politician.

Charles Frederick Kindig, father of Michael Edward Kindig, was born Aug. 3, 1831, in Fishingcreek township, and secured his education in the schools of Jonestown. He worked for his father until he was eighteen years of age, and in the meantime learned thoroughly the trade of carpenter. At the time of his father's death he and his brothers divided the homestead place, paying the daughters their full share of the estate, and on his portion Charles F. set himself assiduously to work.

On his first enlistment during the Civil war he was in the army ten months, in the Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and when he had completed his service, received his honorable discharge, and taken a rest of three months at home, he reenlisted, as a member of the 203d Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and continued to serve with that organization until the close of hostilities. At the end of his service he returned to the pursuits of peace, and for forty-five years was engaged in general farming, barn building and general carpentering. It was but natural that he should be successful, his inherent business acumen bringing him forward steadily. In politics he was a Democrat. A faithful member of the Methodist Church at Jonestown, he donated liberally to its movements. He died Oct. 14, 1911, and was buried at St. James' Church, near Bendertown, near which place his widow still makes her home. Mr. and Mrs. Kindig were the parents of the following children: John, Jacob and Mary all died young; one child was stillborn; Susan married William Peter Kline, of Benton; William T. married Elizabeth Hess, of Fishingcreek township, deceased, and (second) Jennie Yohe (Laubach); Hannah married Emanuel Bogart, of Fishingcreek township; Amanda married Warren Hess, of Fishingcreek township; Charles Wesley married Lillian Cornelius, and both are deceased; Rush E. lives with his mother in Fishingcreek township; Clara R. married Oland Britton, of that township; Michael Edward is mentioned below; Elias Elvin married Edith Kline, and resides at Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Hardy H. and Harvey C., twins, live with their mother.

Michael Edward Kindig, son of Charles Frederick Kindig, was educated in the public schools of Fishingcreek township, in the meantime assisting his father on the home farm until he was sixteen years of age. He then served an apprenticeship of four years to the trade of carpenter, succeeding which he went to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and followed his trade for two years, and then made his advent in Berwick. Here, in 1908, he formed a partnership with Samuel P. Zimmerman, and they have since carried on a general contracting business, in addition to which they deal extensively in lumber. The Joseph M. Shane residence, on Mulberry street, Berwick, stands as a monument to the skill and workmanship of this firm, as well as the Berwick hospital and other handsome structures. Although still a young man, Mr. Kindig has accom-



plished much, and already he is accounted one of the substantial business men of his community.

On Dec. 26, 1906, Mr. Kindig was married to Ada Sitler, daughter of Reuben and Susan (Yeapel) Sitler. Mr. and Mrs. Kindig are members of the Methodist Church, in which Mrs. Kindig formerly sang in the choir; she is now a teacher in the Sunday school, a leader of the Christian Endeavor Society and an active worker in the ladies' Aid Society. Mr. and Mrs. Kindig have one son, Fred Edward, born April 28, 1914. The pleasant family home is located at No. 1600 Pine street, North Berwick. Mr. Kindig is a member of the Woodmen of the World; of Lieut. L. M. Creveling Camp, Sons of Veterans, of Bendertown, and of the Berwick Carpenters' Union, of which he is president, this union being affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. He is a Democrat in his political tendencies.

Benjamin Sitler, the grandfather of Mrs. Kindig, was born in Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., and spent his life in agricultural pursuits in the vicinity of Fowlerville, Pa. He and his wife died in the faith of the United Evangelical Church, and both were buried near Fowlerville. Their children were as follows: Henry, deceased, who married Julia Ann Bellas; Mary, who married Silas Harmon—both deceased; Samuel, deceased, who married a Miss Frantz; Benjamin, deceased; and Reuben.

Reuben Sitler, son of Benjamin Sitler, and father of Mrs. Kindig, was born Oct. 8, 1846, and died at the age of sixty-six years, in 1912. He received a liberal education in the public schools of Centre township, and until becoming of age worked for his father. A man of versatile abilities, he successively learned the shoemaker's and carpenter's trades, both of which he followed at various times, in connection with farming, and in all three pursuits met with a full measure of merited success. He married Susan Yeapel, the daughter of Jeremiah Yeapel, and to this union there were born four children, as follows: Ada, who became the wife of Michael E. Kindig; Minnie, who married Joe Musselman, of Orangeville, Pa.; Dora, who married Ralph Doty, and resides near Columbia, Pa.; and Harry, who died in young manhood. Mr. Sitler is a Democrat, but at no time in his career has he found himself inclined to seek the doubtful honors to be secured in the field of politics, having preferred to devote his time and at-

tention to private pursuits. He has reared his children in the faith of the Evangelical Church, of which he is himself a consistent member, being class leader and a member of the board of trustees at the present time. His acquaintance throughout this section is wide, and includes many warm personal friends.

Mrs. Ada (Sitler) Kindig, daughter of Reuben Sitler, was born May 5, 1885, in Fishingcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa. She received good educational advantages, and made her home with her parents until her marriage. Like her husband she is widely and favorably known in Berwick and the surrounding locality.

THOMAS E. EDWARDS is probably one of the most successful as well as up-to-date farmers of Benton township, Columbia county, and his achievements are in a great measure due to his unfaltering energy, common sense and adoption of modern discoveries and methods to the cultivation of his acreage. He is a native of Columbia county, having been born in Centre township Aug. 13, 1843, son of William Edwards and grandson of William Edwards. The Edwards family is of English origin.

William Edwards, the grandfather, was among the pioneers of Columbia county, owning a sizable farm in Briarcreek township, which he cultivated until his death. His children were: Nathan, Thomas, Edward, William, Samuel, John, Catherine, Elizabeth and Margaret.

William Edwards, son of William and father of Thomas E., was born in Briarcreek township, farmed there for some years, and then removed to Berwick, where he died at the age of seventy-seven. He wedded Martha, daughter of William Stahle, and their children were: Morris S., deceased; Major C., living in Salem township, Luzerne county; Thomas E.; Isaac L., a well known physician of Benton; Margaret, widow of James Eyer; Susan, wife of William B. Bertels; Emma, wife of Rev. J. H. Tubbes, a Methodist minister; and Frances, wife of Uriah Hess.

Thomas E. Edwards attended the public schools of Briarcreek township, Columbia county, and Salem township, Luzerne county, in the intervals working on his father's farm, where he remained until his twenty-fourth year. He started farming for himself in Luzerne county, remained there nine years, and then came to Columbia county, buying the Benjamin Brink place of 134 acres, near Ben-

ton borough. This he began at once to improve, adding new buildings and fertilizing the land until now there is scarcely a farm in the county that will show better results of intelligent cultivation than his. The location is admirable for the purpose, situated as it is along the State road from Bloomsburg to the mountains, and the excellence of the soil has made it respond to good draining and intensive cultivation. Mr. Edwards was for ten years engaged in the milling business and also had a large trade in lumber.

On Oct. 9, 1867, Mr. Edwards was united to Rachel Seely, daughter of Jacob and Leah (Keene) Seely, and they have six children: William, living in Centre township; Frederick, living in Benton; Seely J.; T. H., a school teacher in the Philippines, a graduate of the Bloomsburg State Normal School; Margaret, wife of Hosea Davis; and Josephine, wife of Charles Bell. Mr. Edwards is a Republican in politics, but votes independently. He has served the township as a member of the school board and as treasurer. He is a member of the Methodist Church, in which he has held all the offices, and is connected with the Grange and the P. O. S. of A.

John Seely, grandfather of Mrs. Edwards, was born in New Jersey and located in Salem township, Luzerne county, where he followed the life of a farmer. By his wife Mary (Welsh) he had seven children: Isaiah, Elsie, Mary, Hilda, Michael, John and Jacob.

Jacob Seely, father of Mrs. Edwards, was also born in Salem township, and grew up on the farm where he labored and died. He married Leah Keene and they had thirteen children: Frederick; John W.; Amos; Samuel P.; Philip H.; Edwin C.; Henry J.; Mary J., who died young; Martha A., wife of Dr. J. E. Patterson; Rachel, wife of Thomas E. Edwards; Leah D., wife of Normand Hess; Minerva J., wife of Wilson Hess; and Cecilia, wife of Christopher B. Smethers.

AUGUSTUS REITER, hotel proprietor at West Berwick, Pa., was born in the city of Berlin, Germany, Aug. 13, 1869, son of Albert Reiter.

The grandfather of Augustus Reiter, Joseph Reiter, was born in Berlin, Germany, where the family resided for generations. He was a soldier in the German army, and for many years was connected with the civil service in Berlin, where he died.

Albert Reiter, son of Joseph Reiter, and father of Augustus Reiter, was born in Ber-

lin, Germany, and in early life followed farming in his native country. Later he came to America and for a number of years was engaged in coal mining, but in time returned to the Fatherland, where he continued farming until his death. His children were: Augustus, Albert, Peter, Mary and Lizzie, Mary being a resident of the United States and the wife of W. A. Price.

Augustus Reiter, son of Albert Reiter, was first employed in the coal mines near Berlin, Germany, for a number of years. Subsequently he went to England and was identified with the beet sugar industry, also working in the coal mines and in the iron works at Liverpool. His journeyings then took him to Glasgow, Scotland, where he followed the same business for one year, after which he was in London, Cambridge, Musane, Calambree, Boddle Park and Rousseau, following his usual business at all of these places, and also visited Dublin, as well as various points in Russia, France, Austria and Italy. He then emigrated to the United States and settled in Shenandoah, Schuylkill Co., Pa., where he established himself in the coal business. For one year he served as city policeman, following which he entered the hotel business, in which he was engaged there for about six years, coming to West Berwick in 1906. Here he is conducting a first-class and popular house, and well merits the high order of success which has rewarded his efforts.

On Aug. 3, 1884, Mr. Reiter was married to Mary Alice Blauschotz, daughter of August and Lizzie Blauschotz, of Germany, and to this union have been born the following children: August, who married Christine Salter, is living at Hazleton, Pa.; Mary, Wilhelm, Edward and Oscar are all at home; Bertha, deceased at sixteen years of age, George, at four years, and Fred, at two years, are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Shenandoah, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Reiter is a Republican in politics, and served as a councilman while a resident of Shenandoah. Since coming to West Berwick he has taken an active part in politics, but has as yet held no office. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, in whose work he has taken an active part, and while at Shenandoah taught a Sunday school class in the German language. Mr. Reiter is a charter member of Lodge No. 1212, O. O. of Owls; is a member of Anthracite Castle, No. 74, K. G. E., of Shenandoah; a member and past officer of Shenandoah Stamm, No. 97, Improved Order of Red Men

(this is a German lodge, "stamm" being the equivalent of tribe); a member of Shenandoah Lodge, No. 212, D. O. H.; and also holds membership in West Berwick Fire Company, No. 1.

Mrs. Mary Alice (Blauschotz) Reiter was born in Germany in February, 1863. Her parents, both natives of Germany, died in that country, and were buried in a cemetery located about four miles from Berlin.

JOHN DOSTER, late of Danville, founder of the furniture business now continued by his sons Jacob and Theodore under the firm name of John Doster's Sons, and father also of John Doster, Jr., the leading undertaker of the borough, established a reputation for honor and reliability which his successors take pride in upholding. He was a native of Germany, and began life in typical German fashion, learning a trade so thoroughly that he was master of all its branches and the excellence of his work held his patrons without solicitation. As honest in financial matters as he was thorough in workmanship, his settlement in the community was a positive acquisition, both to its citizenship and to its industrial resources.

Mr. Doster was born in Wurtemberg April 9, 1823, and there learned the cabinetmaker's trade. Owing to a lack of proper opportunities for development he came to the United States when twenty-five years old, leaving his native land at a time when hardships were many, and locating at Danville, Pa., where he found plenty of work at his trade. As he was an expert he soon was in prosperous circumstances, and in 1865 established himself in the cabinet business at No. 510 Church street, Danville. In 1878 he and his eldest son started the furniture business at Nos. 298-300 Mill street, and he continued to be actively connected with the business until 1899, when he retired, his three sons, whom he had associated with him in the meantime, then taking charge of the business. They remained at the location on Mill street, Nos. 298-300, having a double building three stories high, and were together until Jan. 1, 1914, when the eldest, John Doster, Jr., withdrew to give all his time to his undertaking establishment.

John Doster married Barbara Rutzel, who was born March 4, 1826, and of the children born to them six are living: John; Jacob; Theodore; Anna, who married Harry Hollingshead, a salesman, of Danville; Elizabeth, who married O. R. Harris, a salesman,

of Sunbury, Pa.; and Margaret, who married Frank S. Brown, a wholesale meat dealer, of Jersey City, N. J. John Doster, the father, died Dec. 24, 1905, and is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery. The mother passed away June 9, 1876.

JOHN DOSTER, JR., eldest son of John Doster, was born Dec. 28, 1856, in Danville, and received a good education there in the public schools. As he grew up he became familiar with his father's business, entering the shop on Church street, and serving an apprenticeship to the cabinetmaker's trade. In 1878 he and his father started the furniture business under the name of John Doster & Son, at Nos. 298-300 Mill street. The son was ambitious to branch out, and in 1881 he attended the Rochester School of Embalming, two years later taking a course in the Clark Embalming School, fitting himself thoroughly for the undertaking business, in which he has been engaged ever since. For thirty years he has been the leading undertaker of Danville and the vicinity. Five years after the firm of John Doster & Son was started the two sons Theodore and Jacob were admitted into the firm, and the name was changed to John Doster's Sons. In 1899 John Doster, Sr., retired from the firm, and the three sons continued the business together until Jan. 1, 1914, when John Doster, Jr., withdrew, his undertaking business having grown to such an extent that it required all his attention. His two brothers, Theodore and Jacob, are still conducting the furniture business.

Mr. Doster has an up-to-date equipment, and is improving his facilities to meet the modern demands of his business. He has an automobile dead wagon, and in every way has shown his desire to give his patrons the benefit of all that present day knowledge can do for their convenience. Mr. Doster is naturally fitted for his business, being sympathetic and understanding, able to render the last services in such a manner as to bring solace to the afflicted ones and reflect dignity upon the departed.

John Doster married Sarah A. Bates, of Danville, Pa., in 1881. She was a daughter of Richard and Tamar (Hunt) Bates, the former an iron worker. Mr. and Mrs. John Doster had three children: Augusta E.; Estella, who married J. Baldy Smith, of Pittsburgh; and Ethel, at home. Mrs. Doster died March 30, 1911. Mr. Doster is a member of Christ Memorial Church, of which he has been a vestryman for twenty-seven years. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows,



*John W. Doster*



Montour Lodge, No. 109, and to the Royal Arcanum, Montgomery Council, No. 962, both of Danville.

JACOB DOSTER, second son of John Doster, was born Feb. 21, 1859, and was educated in public school at Danville. As soon as old enough he began assisting his father, and has developed into a practical furniture man. Fraternally he belongs to the B. P. O. Elks at Danville, Lodge No. 754.

THEODORE DOSTER, third son of John Doster, was born Dec. 22, 1860. Growing up at Danville, he attended the public schools of the borough and also learned the furniture business, so that he is now an able member of the firm of John Doster's Sons. On Jan. 8, 1890, Theodore Doster married Agnes B. Johnston, a daughter of William C. and Amanda (Blue) Johnston. Mr. Johnston was the first register and recorder of Montour county, and has been a man of prominence. For many years he has been a capable worker in the Mahoning Presbyterian Church, of which he is now a trustee, and he is popular in the congregation and deservedly so.

GEORGE A. IVEY, a leading farmer of Montour township, Columbia county, was born in Bloomsburg Sept. 12, 1875, son of Richard Ivey, also a farmer. The Ivey family is of English origin, and its members have always been farmers as far back as known.

William Ivey, the founder of the family in this country, was born in England in 1818, came to America, and located in Hemlock township, Columbia Co., Pa., where he farmed until his death, in 1883, at the age of sixty-five. He married Ann Williams, also a native of England, and they had these children: Richard; Eliza Ann, wife of William Gulliver; Mary Jane, wife of John Walter; Elizabeth, wife of George Wilson; Sarah, wife of William Pooley; William, deceased; and Edward W., a farmer of Columbia county.

Richard Ivey was born at Minersville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and was brought to Columbia county in childhood. He obtained his education in the public schools and entered the agricultural career which he is still following on his farm in Hemlock township. He has brought the cultivation of his land up to the standards set by the greatest agriculturists of the age and is a thrifty and careful manager. He married Mary Jane Cooper, who died July 12, 1905, and they had sixteen children; Sarah A., wife of Charles Freese, of Bloomsburg; Richard, living in Buffalo, N. Y.; John C., of Bloom township; George A.; R. W., living

at Light Street, Pa.; Reuben, living in Pittsburg; Lloyd W., of Buffalo, Pa.; Mary Jane, wife of Ross Edwards; Clara, at home; Jessie, wife of Charles Broat; Maude E. and Rachel, at home; and four children, Eliza Ann, William, Blanche and Grace, who died in infancy.

George A. Ivey attended the public schools of his township, passed through the high school and completed a term at the Bloomsburg State Normal. He remained with his father until his twenty-eighth year, farming, and meantime acquired a thorough knowledge of agriculture. He then began to farm for himself, purchasing the J. N. Gordon tract in Montour township, containing eighty-nine acres. For a few years he ran a dairy, but of late years has devoted his efforts to general gardening, selling the products of his farm to the citizens of Bloomsburg.

On March 23, 1904, Mr. Ivey married Izora Kramer, daughter of Philip D. and Clara B. (Rote) Kramer, of Millville, Pa., and they have three children: Doyle W., Carol R. and Ila A., all living at home.

Mr. Ivey is independent in politics, supporting the candidates he considers most capable of benefiting the community by holding office. He is also a member of the Grange and takes an interest in the scientific development of the soil. He is a member of the Reformed Church of Bloomsburg, has taken a warm interest in its activities, and has been the vice president of the Christian Endeavor Society for some time.

KARL L. DIETRICH, consulting engineer and specialist, of Berwick, Pa., was born in Hopkinsville, Christian Co., Ky., Sept. 2, 1884, son of Charles Henry Dietrich.

The family is of German descent. Charles Henry Dietrich was born Sept. 19, 1851, in Fredericksburg, Ohio, to which place his parents had emigrated from Pennsylvania at an early date. He attended the public schools and the Ohio State University, at Columbus, of which institution he is now the oldest living alumnus. Mr. Dietrich was for fifteen years a salesman with the American Book Company, fifteen years superintendent of the public schools of Hopkinsville, Ky., and for five years a mining engineer in Mexico. He is a Republican in politics, and an attendant of the Presbyterian Church. He married Minnie Rackerby Laudy, of Columbus, Ohio, who was born June 14, 1861, in Hopkinsville, Ky., and they had children as follows: Karl L.; Lois

Bartholomew, born Jan. 7, 1891; Amy Logsdon, born Jan. 8, 1895; and Neil Kittrell, born Sept. 29, 1901.

Karl L. Dietrich began his education in the common schools of Hopkinsville, Ky., entered the Kentucky State University at Lexington in 1900, and graduated therefrom in 1905. For a time he was employed as engineer on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, and then entered the Baldwin Locomotive Works, at Philadelphia, where he remained two years. He came to Berwick on the first day of July, 1907, and was engaged by the American Car and Foundry Company, in the mechanical engineering department.

On June 29, 1907, Mr. Dietrich married Mollie Davis Garnett, who was born Nov. 1, 1884, daughter of William Davis and Annie (Lacey) Garnett, of Hopkinsville, who were born April 9, 1838, and Jan. 1, 1850, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich have had one child, Karl Lander, Jr., born July 9, 1912. Mr. Dietrich is independent in his political affiliations, attends the Presbyterian Church, and is a member of the Tau Beta Pi fraternity.

DAVID GOODWIN KLINETOB, a farmer of Briarcreek township, was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., March 28, 1861, son of Christopher and Sarah M. (Hosler) Klinetob.

Christopher Klinetob, his grandfather, was born Aug. 17, 1785, in eastern Pennsylvania, probably in Macungie township, Lehigh (then Northampton) Co., Pa., and so far as his descendants know was a farmer in Luzerne county. He married Catherine Hetler, who was born May 21, 1786, and survived him, his death occurring Nov. 7, 1874, hers on Feb. 27, 1882. They are buried at Moore's Church, in Salem township, Luzerne county.

Christopher Klinetob, the father of David G. Klinetob, was born Sept. 26, 1828, in Luzerne county, and was a farmer there until 1880, when he moved to Foundryville, Columbia county. His death occurred Feb. 19, 1891, at the age of sixty-two years. He married Sarah Margaret Hosler, who was born Nov. 2, 1837, also of German ancestry, a daughter of a farmer in Luzerne county, and they had the following children: John Ellis, born May 21, 1859, who lives at Foundryville, married Ardee Garrison, and they have had two children, one deceased; David Goodwin is mentioned below; Leorah May, born Nov. 25, 1862, is the wife of J. B. Fenstermaker, a photographer at Berwick, and they have four sons and one daughter; Wilbur Franklin, born

Dec. 1, 1865, died Sept. 3, 1871; Samuel Brittain, born July 16, 1873, who resides at Foundryville and is connected with the American Car and Foundry Company, married Bessie Klinger, of Foundryville, and they have three children. Mrs. Sarah M. Klinetob died Aug. 22, 1882, and is buried with her husband at Moore's Church. He was a member of the Reformed denomination, she of the Evangelical.

David Goodwin Klinetob obtained a district school education and afterwards took up farming in Briarcreek township, where he has continued ever since. He has taken an active part in public affairs in his township and as one of its reliable and substantial citizens has been called upon to hold offices of responsibility. He has served as inspector of elections and for four terms was auditor of Briarcreek township. In political faith he is a Progressive.

Mr. Klinetob married Kate Ella Fenstermaker, who was born May 13, 1862, one of the eight children of Jacob and Ruth Anne (Garney) Fenstermaker, of Foundryville, the mother from Wyoming, Luzerne county. They were Methodists in religious connection. Philip and Catherine (Walters) Fenstermaker, Mrs. Klinetob's grandparents, were farming people. Mr. and Mrs. Klinetob have had four children, namely: Daniel Webster, born Jan. 25, 1883, who is employed with the American Car and Foundry Company, married Anna Canouse, and they have two children, Glen Woodward, and Webster Keith; Wilbur Floyd, born Aug. 30, 1886, now operating the leading store at Foundryville, married Carrie Devoe, and they have one son, Goodwin Devoe; Frederick Sheldon, who was born May 21, 1892, and Walter Brittain, who was born June 24, 1894, are both at home. Mr. Klinetob and family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church at Foundryville, and he is a trustee of the congregation, which he has also served as class leader. He is a member of Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., of Berwick.

ALFRED C. SHAFFER, a prominent farmer of Centre township, was born May 8, 1852, in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, son of William and grandson of Francis Shaffer. The family is of German descent.

Francis Shaffer was born near Bethlehem, Pa., and after arriving at manhood's estate came to Columbia county, bought over three hundred acres of land, cleared a part of it, built a cabin, and took unto himself a wife in

the person of Nancy Hetler. To this union there came five children: William; Nathan, who went to Jones county, Iowa; Catherine, who married Samuel Dalius, of Maine township; George W., of Greene county, Iowa; and Mary, who married Benjamin Miller—both deceased. Mrs. Shaffer died in 1831 and her husband in 1833, and both were buried in the Brick Church graveyard.

William Shaffer was but eleven years old at the time of his father's death, and was the eldest child. A neighbor, Philip Freas, although he had a large family himself, took the boy into his home and reared him to manhood. William worked for his board and clothes with Philip Freas and his brother, Andrew Freas, and after a few years they bought a canalboat in partnership, carrying on a coal and general shipping trade for a season. After selling out, William was engaged in many vocations, finally settling down upon the farm in Centre township where he resided until his death, July 30, 1902. His wife died June 27, 1902. He was married in Luzerne county, May 7, 1844, to Sophia, daughter of John and Catherine (Hetler) Mowery, and they had the following children: Winfield S. married Flora Mosteller; Wesley married Harriet Knoop; Alfred C. married Rachel Freas; William M., Fannie D., Sarah Jane and Mary M. are deceased.

Alfred C. Shaffer attended the country schools and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty-seven years of age, and then married and moved onto the farm which he now cultivates. This tract of land was the property of his father and he worked it on shares for his father until he was able to purchase it outright. Upon this piece of 116 acres he now carries on general farming and stock raising, at which he has been very successful.

In 1879 Mr. Shaffer married Rachel, daughter of William L. and Fannie (Rittenhouse) Freas, and they have had the following children: Sarah Jane, born April 15, 1880, married Charles Holder, of Bloomsburg; Sophia Blanche, born March 9, 1882, married Arthur Marbeck, of Bloomsburg; Amelia Grace, born Dec. 20, 1883, married Ralph Van Liew, of Bloomsburg; Fannie Mae, born Dec. 30, 1885, married James Sober, of Berwick; Otwell J., born Nov. 4, 1887, married Annie Mensinger, and is living at home; Pearl Irene, born Feb. 3, 1890, married Roy Hunter, of Berwick; Boyd Morris, born June 10, 1892, died March 22, 1905; Estella Creasey, born June 8, 1894, is living at home. Mr. Shaffer is a member of the Lutheran Church and is connected with

Centre Grange. He is a Democrat in politics, and has been a school director for three years.

Mrs. Rachel (Freas) Shaffer was born in Briar creek township Jan. 16, 1855, was educated in the public schools, and resided at home until her marriage. She is a member of the Lutheran (Brick Church) Church of Briar Creek. Her father, William L. Freas, was one of a large family and was born Oct. 8, 1825, dying in December, 1895. Her mother, Fannie Rittenhouse, was born June 4, 1834, and died May 21, 1895.

JESSE O. EDWARDS, who for many years has been connected with several of the great industrial enterprises at Berwick, was born April 18, 1861, near Millerstown, Perry Co., Pa., son of David and Mary Ann (Hoops) Edwards.

John Edwards, the grandfather of Jesse O. Edwards, was a native of Wales and belonged to a family of Quakers. On emigrating to the United States he settled in Chester county, Pa., and there the remainder of his life was passed. His son, David Edwards, the father of Jesse O., was born in Chester county, and early in life learned the trade of potter. After learning his trade he kept a general store at Paoli, Chester county, but later sold his store and bought a farm in Perry county, which he conducted for a while. Selling out, he started a pottery in Millerstown, Pa., which he carried on for a year or more after the death of his wife, and then disposed of it and lived retired until his death. His wife died in 1869. He was buried at Limeville, Chester county, and his wife at Millerstown. They were devout adherents of the Quaker faith, and Mr. Edwards was a Republican in his political views. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, three dying young; George, born in 1849, who married Josepha Westler; Emma; Wilmer, born in 1859, who was killed at Tecumseh, Neb.; and Jesse O.

Jesse O. Edwards received his education in the public schools of Millerstown, which he attended until ten years old, at which time he became an orphan and was left to shift more or less for himself. His early training was supplemented by two winters of schooling in Chester county and three winters at Village Green, Delaware county, and in the meantime he worked during the summer months on the farm of Daniel Thatcher, a Quaker, until he was sixteen years of age. Mr. Edwards came to Berwick in 1878 and for one year worked in the pottery shop of Henry Freas, then going to the plant of the Jackson & Woodin Com-



pany, where he became an employee in the wood car shop under Abram Cortright, and remained about five years. His next place of employment was the pipe foundry, where he learned to make cores under George Moorehead, and remained eighteen years as a core-maker. Leaving that employment, Mr. Edwards worked three years as carpenter for Joseph Faust and Daniel Reedy, in Berwick, and one summer for Charles Ransom, at Plymouth, and then returned to Berwick and entered the steel plant under the employ of John R. Searles and William Williams, superintendent. Later two departments were made, coach and freight car, under Bruce Deitterick, superintendent, and during the last seven years Mr. Edwards has acted in the capacity of gang leader. His long and efficient services have placed him high in the regard and confidence of his employers, and it is said that there is not a more efficient or thorough workman in the plant.

Politically a Progressive, Mr. Edwards has been active in civic affairs, having served efficiently as councilman and president of the board of councilmen of Berwick, in which capacities he has shown a conscientious respect for the high responsibilities of public service. He is a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and belongs to Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A., of Berwick.

Mr. Edwards married Gertrude Estella Fenstermacher, born Nov. 21, 1861, daughter of William and Phoebe (Garney) Fenstermacher, and a relative of James Fenstermacher, of Berwick. Mrs. Edwards died June 7, 1898, and was laid to rest in the Pine Grove cemetery. To this union were born three children: Carl, born May 6, 1882, who married Ida De Haven (buried at Pine Grove) and (second) Esther Wolfe; Russell, born May 19, 1886; and Helen, born Nov. 15, 1890. Mr. Edwards married for his second wife Mrs. Ida Gearhart, born Dec. 26, 1860, widow of James M. Gearhart, and daughter of John J. and Mary Ann (Hartman) Stiles, of Asbury, Columbia Co., Pa. By her first union Mrs. Edwards had two children: Lester, born Jan. 29, 1879, married Virginia Frantz; Hazel, born July 11, 1892, died March 29, 1895, and was buried at Pine Grove, where her father also lies at rest.

John J. Stiles, father of Mrs. Edwards, was for many years one of the prominent and influential citizens of Benton, Pa., where he was proprietor of a hotel. During the "Fishing Creek Confederacy" he incurred the displeas-

ure of the powers in authority and was arrested, and after his release disposed of his hotel interests and went to Asbury, Pa., where he purchased a farm. There the remainder of his life was passed in agricultural pursuits, his industry and energetic efforts gaining him a handsome competency. Politically a Democrat, he took some active part in local affairs, and was known as a man of influence. With his family he attended the Methodist Church. Mr. Stiles married Mary Ann Hartman, daughter of Isaac Hartman, of Benton, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: Catherine, who became the wife of Gideon Beishline; Frank, now a resident of Oklahoma; Louis, who married Annie Chamberlain; Ida, who married James M. Gearhart (deceased) and (second) Jesse O. Edwards; Maggie, who became the wife of William Clark; and Eva, who is unmarried. The mother of these children passed away at Berwick in 1910, and was laid to rest in the cemetery there.

Isaac Hartman, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Edwards, was for years a resident of Benton, Pa., where he was well and favorably known. He was the father of four children, as follows: Abraham, Isaac, Daniel and Mary Ann, who married John J. Stiles.

CHARLES WESLEY HAGENBUCH (deceased), farmer, was born June 2, 1844, in Centre township, Columbia county, and was a son of Michael and grandson of John Hagenbuch. The family is of pure German ancestry.

John Hagenbuch was a native of Northampton county, Pa., but was very young when his parents brought him to Columbia county, settling just east of the Hidlay Church. By his wife Catharine (Driesbach), John Hagenbuch had eight sons, as follows: Conrad, a weaver, was given thirty-five acres by his father; Simon, a farmer and freighter, was given sixty-three acres; John, also a farmer, was given fifty-seven acres, and later bought out Conrad; Jacob, a wheelwright and painter, started with thirty acres; Michael, a wheelwright, had seventeen acres and a timber lot; Daniel, a farmer, had sixty-three acres, and afterwards bought out Simon and Charles; Junius, a weaver, began with twenty acres; Charles, a blacksmith, started with twenty acres, sold out to Daniel, moved to Northumberland county and died at Sinking Springs. John Hagenbuch, the father, died about 1845; his wife preceded him to the grave many years.

Michael Hagenbuch, father of Charles Wes-

ley, married Mary Hess, daughter of John Hess, and they had the following children: Jackson, deceased; Charles Wesley, deceased; William; Levina, who married Enos L. Fowler, both deceased; Catherine, the widow of Isaiah Freas; and one child that died in infancy.

Charles W. Hagenbuch married Sarah K. Seybert, who was born Jan. 8, 1847, daughter of Thomas and Deborah (Fowler) Seybert, of Luzerne county, and the following children were born to them: Lloyd, born May 21, 1870, married Jennie Hughes, of Lime Ridge, and lives in New York; Josiah, born February 18, 1876, is also residing in New York; Henrietta J., born Sept. 15, 1874, lives at home; Frank W., born June 14, 1880, married Ethel Faust, and resides in Berwick.

Mr. Hagenbuch was a Republican and attended the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died April 21, 1882, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick. Mrs. Hagenbuch is still in the possession of good health and resides in the home established by her husband, at No. 411 Chestnut street, Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Thomas and Deborah (Fowler) Seybert, her parents, lived in Luzerne county. Mrs. Seybert was a daughter of Daniel Fowler, of Columbia county. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Seybert: Elmira, deceased, was the wife of Samuel Hicks; Anna, deceased, was the wife of Joseph Frey; Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of Clarence Jackson; Josiah, married Ella Fairbush, of Philadelphia; Frances, deceased, was the wife of John Gilroy, living in Williamsport; Sarah K. is the widow of Charles W. Hagenbuch.

ELMER W. RUNYAN, late of Bloomsburg, Pa., was born at Spruce Run, Columbia county, in 1850, son of Shepherd Runyan.

Shepherd Runyan was a carpenter of Spruce Run, Pa., where he became a well known man. He married Mary Ann Johnson, who survives him, being now ninety years old, and they had children as follows: Frank, Jane, Alice, Susan, John and Elmer W.

Elmer W. Runyan learned the trade of plasterer and followed that employment, being for a period engaged at the Danville Asylum. Later he engaged in farming in Montour township, Columbia Co., Pa., where he bought an eighty-five acre farm, operating same until 1902, when he moved to Bloomsburg, Pa. There he was interested in different lines of business, including teaming,

until his death, Feb. 2, 1907. He was tenderly laid to rest in the Lazarus Church Cemetery in Montour township.

Elmer W. Runyan married Ann Maria Giger, a daughter of John Giger and a sister of Josiah H. Giger, of Bloomsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Runyan had two children: Clark E., who married Daisy Bogart, is a carpenter residing at Bloomsburg; Joseph W., also a carpenter, resides with his mother, at No. 575 Main street, Bloomsburg. Mrs. Runyan also owns an excellent farming property in Dutch Valley as well as four residences at Bloomsburg. For many years she was a member of the Lazarus Lutheran Church, but is now connected with the Lutheran Church of Bloomsburg. Mr. Runyan was a most estimable man, and his memory is cherished by those who knew and appreciated his many excellent traits of character.

HARRY FAHRINGER, dealer in lumber and builders' supplies at Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., was born at Nanticoke, Luzerne Co., Pa., March 31, 1884, son of Frank and Emma (Harrison) Fahringer.

Isaac Fahringer, grandfather of Harry, is an old settler of Columbia County, and for years was a contractor and builder in and about Fishingcreek township, where he still resides.

Frank Fahringer, son of Isaac Fahringer, was also a contractor, formerly of Nanticoke and later of Berwick, where he is still residing. His wife is a daughter of Jarius Harrison, an early merchant of Columbia county. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fahringer have had six children: Guy W., who is a resident of Hammond, Ind.; Raymond, a musician, of Idaho; Christine, who is cashier for the Bell Telephone Company; Maria and Ida, who are both at home; and Harry.

Harry Fahringer attended the schools of Nanticoke and Huntington Mills Academy, and then taught in a summer school at Huntington Mills. He also taught school in Fishingcreek township, but later abandoned that profession to learn the woodworking trade. When he was eighteen years of age his father bought the business owned by D. A. Michael, comprising a lumber yard and planing mill, and Harry Fahringer became his assistant, so continuing until he (Harry) bought the business, which he has since operated alone, handling lumber and builders' supplies, and controlling a large trade.

On June 25, 1904, Mr. Fahringer was married to Nellie Kile, who was born at Nesco-

peck, a daughter of George and Lula (Lee) Kile, the former of whom is still living, the latter deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Fahringer have had four children: Lee H.; Francis Russell; George F. and Lula Jane. The family belong to the Baptist Church, which Mr. Fahringer serves as deacon and as superintendent of the Sunday school. Fraternally he belongs to the Odd Fellows and the Royal Arcanum, and is secretary of the latter.

RICHARD BATES, whose skill as a patternmaker has made him one of the desirable men at his trade at Berwick, was born at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., June 26, 1869, son of William and Mary Alice (Hunt) Bates.

William Bates was born in Durham, England, in 1839, coming of excellent English stock, and died in 1874. He had come to the United States and settled at Danville, Pa. Prior to his immigration he had been educated in the common schools of his native land, and became widely and favorably known as a music teacher and chorister, teaching music to bands and choirs. The Episcopal Church held his membership. His wife was a daughter of Richard and Alice Hunt, and their children were: Sarah married John Doster; Elizabeth married William Maiers; John married Catherine Haughey; Joseph died young; Richard completes the family.

The maternal grandfather, Richard Hunt, was born in 1805, and both he and his wife Tamer were natives of Glasgow, Scotland. They were very young when brought to New York, and later to Danville, Pa. There Richard Hunt became a rolling mill man, working in both the old Cock Robin rolling mill and the Rough and Ready plant, and for twenty years he was employed on the old "Crocodile Squeezer." In 1870 he retired, and he died in 1875, at the age of seventy years. His wife's father was a civil engineer and well-to-do. Coming to America when she was a child, he surveyed land at Tamaqua, Pa., and was killed by accident on the afternoon of the day he was making out the deed for land on which he proposed to go farming.

Richard Bates was graduated in 1887 from the Danville high school, and that year began working in the pattern shop of the Mahoning Foundry & Machine Company, of Danville, under Forbes Vannan. Leaving this concern, he went to the shop of Thomas J. Hunter, of Philadelphia, Pa., and for the following eight months worked as a patternmaker. Then he

engaged with the Vulcan Iron Works, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he spent the next four years as a patternmaker. Thence he went to Tamaqua to become superintendent of the Vulcan Iron Works at that point, and built heavy engines, air compressors and mining machinery for about twelve years. In August, 1907, he came to Berwick to engage with the American Car and Foundry Company, and is now superintendent of the gray iron foundry, also handling all the repairs for small works and commercial castings.

Mr. Bates was married to Catherine R. Marteery, a daughter of Clem and Samantha (Rittenhouse) Marteery, of Berwick, Pa. Children as follows have been born of this union: Clemuel Paul, who was born Dec. 31, 1894, member of the class of 1915, Pennsylvania State College, mechanical engineering course; and Martha Lenore, born Jan. 16, 1896. An Episcopalian, Mr. Bates is a vestry man and is serving as secretary of the vestry. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., of Danville; Tamaqua Chapter, No. 177, R. A. M., of which he is a past high priest; Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 31, K. T., at Mahanoy City; Caldwell Consistory, thirty-second degree, A. A. S. R., of Bloomsburg; and Rajah Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Reading.

EMORY D. HAGENBUCH, now living retired upon his farm at Light Street, is a prominent and greatly respected farmer of his section of Columbia county. He was born Dec. 26, 1848, at Light Street, son of William H. and grandson of Simon Hagenbuch, all farmers and residents of Pennsylvania.

Simon Hagenbuch, the grandfather, was a son of John, a farmer of Northampton county, and lived at Summerhill, near Orangeville, where he cultivated a tract of sixty-three acres and freighted by wagon from Philadelphia to points in the central part of the State. He married Elizabeth Miller, and their children were: Elisha; Samuel; William H.; George; Rachel; Mary (Polly), Mrs. Sitler; Sarah, wife of Freas Fowler, a farmer of Briarcreek township (she is the only one of the family now living, and has one child, Ada A.); Hannah, wife of Isaiah Bower; and Caroline, wife of George A. Blain.

William H. Hagenbuch, the father of Emory D., was born in Light Street and followed farming most of his life. In 1876 he removed to Bloomsburg, remained there for four years, and then went to Light Street, where he died Dec. 20, 1880. His first wife

was a Bittenbender, and they had two daughters: Samantha, who died at the age of ten; and Permelia, also deceased. By his marriage to Mary M., daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Dennis) Keller, he also had two children, Emory D. and Willetta, the latter dying when eighteen months old.

Emory D. Hagenbuch was educated in the public schools and at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa. He remained on the farm with his father until he was thirty-two years old, and farmed for himself until 1907, since which time he has lived retired. He has a fine farm of eighty-four acres near Light Street and takes a pride in its upkeep and cultivation. In 1870 Mr. Hagenbuch married Ardelia E. Creveling, daughter of H. D. Creveling, a sketch of whom is to be found elsewhere, and they have had three children: Reber Willett, who died at the age of four; Nettie A., wife of B. J. Grimes, living in Maryland; and William H., a salesman for Moyer Brothers, druggists, of Bloomsburg.

Mr. Hagenbuch is a Republican, has served as school director and supervisor of his township, and is at present tax collector. He is president of the Columbia County Agricultural Association and takes an active part in the work of that organization.

ALONZO A. MAUSER, who is engaged as a lime burner and in other business, located at Grovania, on the line of Columbia and Montour counties, was born in Cooper township, Montour county, March 19, 1877, son of John F. Mauser, grandson of William Mauser and great-grandson of Christian Mauser, a descendant of an old German family.

Nicholas Mauser was a native of Germany and emigrated to this country in 1779, settling in Montour (then Northumberland) county, Pa., where he cleared land and built himself a home. He was a Revolutionary soldier. He lies at rest in the Ridgeville churchyard, in Cooper township. He left one son, Christian, and two daughters, Mrs. Deaffenbacher and Mrs. Kocher.

Christian Mauser was born March 8, 1779, and died May 27, 1866. He married Catherine Sickler, who was born April 21, 1786, and died Dec. 20, 1862. They lived on the old homestead, where Mr. Mauser followed farming. Their children were: Joseph, who married Lydia Frey; Betsey, wife of John Krumm; Barbara, wife of Michael Wertman; John, who married Lydia Wertman; Michael, who married Catherine Wertman; Jacob, who

married Catherine Krumm; William, who married Maria Frey; Maria, who married Michael Wertman; Fanny, who married Thomas Cole; Molly, wife of Edmund White; and Catherine, wife of Thomas Cole.

Jacob Mauser, son of Christian, born Dec. 13, 1818, on the old homestead, followed farming there and died on that place July 27, 1869. He and his wife had three children: Mary E., widow of Isaiah Hagenbuch, resides in Grovania; Lydia died in infancy; Aaron C., born July 21, 1849, married Ellen Kiefer, and resides on the old Mauser homestead.

William Mauser, son of Christian, and the grandfather of Alonzo A., lived in Cooper township, where he followed the trade of blacksmith and had a large business among the farmers. He also farmed and was engaged in this vocation at the time of his death. His remains are in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville, Pa. He married Maria Frey, and their children were: Abijah; Elizabeth, wife of Paul Shultz; and John F., father of Alonzo A. Mauser.

John F. Mauser was born in Cooper township and followed farming most of his life. He now has a fine farm of 100 acres in that township, in the highest state of cultivation. He married Mahala, daughter of Henry Hartzel, and they have had five children: William, living in Dover, N. J.; Charles, at home; Sadie, who married George John, living at Washingtonville; Luther, deceased; and Alonzo A.

Alonzo A. Mauser attended the common schools of the township and worked at farming until he was twenty-one. He then started out for himself, working on a farm at Ridgeville for two years. Next he was employed on the railroad for two years, and then bought the Simon Reichard farm, Jan. 15, 1911, and leased another tract of 109 acres, all limestone, where he is engaged in burning the stone for lime. This is an old quarry and Mr. Mauser has built three kilns, he producing five hundred bushels of lime per day and employing six men constantly. He ships most of the product, but has a fine local trade in the nearby towns. Besides he carries on a coal business, is in the grain trade, and has a small store for the sale of cigars, tobacco and other staples.

Mr. Mauser married Sarah Krum, daughter of Jonas and Hester (Hagenbuch) Krum, who had the following children: William, who married Harriet Frye; George, who married Cora Reeder; Mary, who married Luther Reese; and Sarah, who married Alonzo A.

**Mauser.** Mr. and Mrs. Mauser have two children, Pauline and Mary, both attending school. Mr. Mauser is a Republican, and has served as school director, and as president and secretary of the board; he has been tax receiver of Cooper township since 1908. He is a member of the Lutheran Church, of which he has been deacon for some years.

Mr. Mauser is a very popular man in his section, and has numerous friends in Montour and the surrounding counties. He is a fine example of the citizenship of this region and a credit to his ancestors.

**LESLIE H. WHITE**, a farmer and fruit grower of Hemlock township, Columbia county, was born in Mahoning township, Montour county, May 31, 1860, son of Edward White and grandson of Hugh White, all natives of Pennsylvania and farmers by occupation. He learned the trade of saddler and for a time was employed at it, but returned to farming as a permanent source of income.

Hugh White, founder of the family in America, was a skilled mechanic and worked at railroad and canal contracting during most of his life. He resided part of the time at Mauch Chunk, Pa., and died at Nescopeck. His wife was Elenora Kelly, and they had five children: Edward; John, who died in Danville; Hugh, who died in the West; Margaret, wife of Elijah Sechler; and William, who died in Illinois.

Edward White was born in Valley township, Montour county, March 16, 1825, received a common school education, and followed the trade of brickmason for a number of years. In 1850 he established himself on the farm of eighty acres in Mahoning township upon which he died in 1904. He married, in 1852, Mary Magdalene Mauser, daughter of Christian Mauser, and they had seven children: Ellen, Arthur, William, Leslie H., Idella, Edward L. and John P.

Leslie H. White obtained a fair education in the common schools of the county and completed his course in a private school. He was employed as saddler for nine years in Columbia and Montour counties, and then began farming in the section two miles above Buckhorn. In 1906 he bought the William Appleman place of 102 acres, improved it, and set out over 900 fruit trees of various kinds. He is greatly interested in horticulture and will have one of the finest fruit farms in this section of the State when the trees are in full bearing.

Mr. White married Alice E. Hawk, daughter

of George Hawk, and they have three children: Mary M., Elizabeth and Edward, Jr., all attending the Bloomsburg State Normal School. Mr. White is a Republican in his political convictions, and he and his wife are members of the Lutheran Church.

**JACOB W. ADAMS**, a retired farmer of Catawissa township, Columbia county, was born in Locust township, that county, Nov. 23, 1846, and is a descendant of Casper Adams, the first ancestor of the family in America, whose posterity is numerous in Columbia and Northumberland counties.

Casper Adams, the grandfather, was born April 25, 1735, in Langendiebach, Offenburg, Germany. Little is known of his early life. Coming to America, he first settled in Berks county, Pa., and later in Northumberland county, where he was one of the pioneers of Ralpho township, owning and cultivating several hundred acres of land there. He died Jan. 26, 1832, and is buried near the Blue Church in Ralpho township. While in Berks county he married Elizabeth Hinkle, and they had a family of six sons and six daughters: Frederick; John; Casper; Samuel; Leonard; Peter; Nellie, wife of George Startzel; Susanna, wife of Samuel Startzel; Elizabeth, wife of George Libby; Polly, wife of Peter Strausser; Maria, wife of Jacob Kreher; and Catherine, wife of Samuel Anspach.

Samuel Adams, father of Jacob W., was a resident of Locust township all his life. He cultivated the ground, and reared and educated his children, and after a useful and upright life was laid at rest at Numidia, dying in 1864. On Nov. 14, 1830, he married Susanna Yeager, and they had six children: John; Washington; William; Jacob W.; Mary, wife of Abe Sharp; and Sarah, wife of Jacob Gilbert.

Jacob W. Adams attended the common schools in Locust township, meanwhile working on the home farm, and in time began farming and huckstering on his own account. In 1898 he removed to Catawissa and bought the "Three Points Hotel," which he conducted for eleven years. He then sold the hotel and retired. He still retained the farm of forty-five acres.

In June, 1865, Mr. Adams married Catherine, daughter of Peter Gearhart, and they have had the following children: Samuel, living at Rupert; William, living at Berwick; Wesley, living at home; and Cora, wife of Charles Young, a merchant in Catawissa township. Mr. Adams is a Democrat and

has served as school director and trustee of the school board in Catawissa township, and as member of the grand jury. He is a member of the United Brethren Church of Roaringcreek township, and has served as treasurer of the Sunday school. Some years ago he donated a small tract of land to the church. He is a well known and highly respected citizen.

ORION MILTON HESS, special officer for the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick, was born June 19, 1864, in Sugarloaf township, Columbia Co., Pa., son of Joseph O. Hess, grandson of George Hess, and great-grandson of William Hess.

William Hess and his brother John Hess came from Northampton county, Pa., to Columbia county, William locating in Benton township, and his brother in Mifflin township. Both a farmer and miller, William Hess acquired large interests, building a gristmill in Benton township, and he spent the remainder of his life in the locality. He and his wife had eleven sons and two daughters. In religious faith he was a Methodist. His political views made him a Democrat.

George Hess, a son of William Hess, was born in Benton township, where he acquired his education and became a farmer and miller. He owned a number of valuable farms in Benton township and one in Sugarloaf township, and was a man of considerable means. He and his wife Elizabeth (Brown) Hess had the following children: Samuel; John; William; Elijah; Wesley; Joseph O.; Mary Ann, who married Jacob Kline; and Martha, who was killed in her father's mill when twelve years old. Like his father George Hess was a Methodist in religious faith and a Democrat in politics.

Joseph O. Hess was born in Benton township, in 1818, assisted his father on the latter's farms, and attended school until he attained his majority. At that time his father gave him the 100-acre farm in Sugarloaf township which he continued to operate until his death, in October, 1889. A Democrat, he held the office of assessor of his township. Not only was he a Methodist, but he was a trustee of St. Gabriel's Church of Sugarloaf township, and he and his wife, who died in 1876, are laid to rest in the graveyard adjoining that church. Joseph O. Hess married Helen Cole, a daughter of Ezekiel and Sarah (Jackson) Cole, and their children were: Zachary Taylor married Priscilla Fritz, and lives in Michigan; Mary Elvira, who married Henry H. Hirleman,

lives at Waller, in Jackson township; Lydia Jane, who married Josiah Kline, lives at Houston, Texas; Alinas Cole, who married Rhoda Roberts, lives at Watrous, Mich.; Amelia Ann, deceased, married Joseph Carpenter, of Laporte, Sullivan Co., Pa.; Clarence Wellington, who married Mary J. Kile, lives in Sugarloaf township; Herbert Mayville, who married Kate E. Davis, lives in Beaver township; Samuel Leclair, who married Elizabeth Hildebrand, lives at Berwick; Sadie Augusta, who married Boyd H. Dodson, lives at Berwick; Orion Milton completes the family.

Orion Milton Hess attended school in Sugarloaf township, and worked on his father's homestead until he was sixteen years old. At that time he left home, and worked among neighboring farmers until he was twenty-two years of age. While thus engaged he continued his studies and prepared himself for teaching. As soon as he was able to pass the examinations he began teaching school, and so continued for eighteen years, the greater portion of the time in his native township. He then moved to Berwick and was employed by the American Car and Foundry Company as repairman in the machine shop of the steel plant for six months, when he was appointed special officer at that plant, which position he still retains. He is a Democrat, and has been auditor and town clerk of Sugarloaf township. Fraternally he belongs to Benton Lodge, No. 746, I. O. O. F., and Mary Frantz Lodge, No. 370, Daughters of Rebekah; Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., of Berwick, which he served for several terms as president; Sugarloaf Council, No. 150, American Mechanics; and Susquehannah Commandery No. 18, Knights of Malta, of Berwick. The Christian Disciples Church of Berwick holds his membership, and he is a teacher in its Sunday school.

Orion M. Hess married Cora B. McHenry, and they have had two children: S. Frank, who was born Dec. 3, 1889; and Luella, born Oct. 20, 1895.

S. Frank Hess, son of Orion Milton Hess, was educated in Sugarloaf township and the Berwick high school, as his parents moved to the borough when he was twelve years old. Later he took a three years' course in the Bloomsburg State Normal School, from which he was graduated in 1910. For the next two years he taught school in Briarcreek township and one year of this time was at the Red Rock school, the other year being supervising principal of the Briarcreek township high school.

At present he is a painter in the passenger car department of the American Car and Foundry Company of Berwick. Always an athlete, he was a very popular football player. He belongs to Berwick Lodge, No. 1138, B. P. O. E., and in politics he is a Democrat.

Luella Hess, daughter of Orion Milton Hess, was educated in the schools of Sugarloaf township and Berwick high school, being graduated from the latter institution in 1913, and is now at home. She belongs to the Christian Disciples Church.

Mrs. Cora B. (McHenry) Hess, wife of Orion Milton Hess, was born Aug. 31, 1868, in Jackson township, a daughter of Silas W. McHenry, granddaughter of Absalom McHenry, and great-granddaughter of Thomas McHenry, who was born in Ireland. He married, and settled in Orange township, Columbia Co., Pennsylvania.

Absalom McHenry was a farmer all his life, operating in Benton township. He was born in Columbia county, at Rohrsburg, on the Samuel McHenry farm, and married Permillia Kline, born in Orange township, near Orangeville, daughter of George and Catherine (Johnson) Kline, natives of New Jersey, who settled near Orangeville. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Absalom McHenry were: Lowry M. married Catherine Kitchen, and both are deceased; Clinton married Martha Jackson, and both are deceased; Edward married Mary Ann Hess, and both are deceased; George, who married Alice Remley, lives at Benton; Catherine, deceased, married Benjamin Savage, who lives in Jackson township; Lavina is deceased; Silas W. is mentioned below. In politics Mr. McHenry was a Democrat, while in religious faith he was a member of the Christian Church.

Silas W. McHenry was born May 18, 1834, in Sugarloaf township, on the Clarence Laubach farm, and died Nov. 12, 1886. Growing up in Benton township, he was also engaged in farming for some time, and then served an apprenticeship to the carpenter's trade. When he was sixteen years old he began teaching school, and with one exception spent all of his winters in teaching until he died. The winter that he did not teach school he was engaged in building a new house for himself. During the summers he worked at his trade, and thus kept busy. A Democrat, he was very active in his party and served as county commissioner of Columbia county at the time the Mollie Maguires were hanged. During his tenure of the office the new jail was built at Bloomsburg. Silas W. McHenry married Theodosia Butt,

who was born Nov. 25, 1838, daughter of Joseph and Mary Butt, and died Nov. 18, 1907. Their children were: Permillia, deceased, who married H. Atley Lemons, lived in Greenwood township; Allen Z., who married Ellen Derr, lives in Coganhouse, Lycoming county; Ella, who married Ezra O. Hess, lives in Jackson township; Cora B. is Mrs. Orion M. Hess. Mr. McHenry belonged to Benton Lodge, No. 746, I. O. O. F. The Christian Church held his membership and he was a very prominent church worker. He and his wife are interred at Waller, in Jackson township, Columbia county.

Mrs. Cora B. (McHenry) Hess, daughter of Silas W. McHenry, and wife of Orion Milton Hess, was educated in Jackson township. Her school days over, she remained at home until her marriage. Possessing more than ordinary ability, she has taken an active interest in matters pertaining to her neighborhood, belonging to Mary Frantz Lodge, No. 370, Daughters of Rebekah; Nescopeck Council, No. 160, Daughters of Liberty; Queen Esther Temple, No. 4, Ladies of the Golden Eagle, of Berwick, and Camp No. 70, Patriotic Order of Americans, Berwick. She is president of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian Disciples Church of Berwick, and has been largely instrumental in forwarding the work of that organization, placing its charities upon a firm and systematic basis. She is also interested in Sunday school work, teaching a class and exerting a strong influence for good among her pupils. Both she and Mr. Hess stand very high in their church and among their neighbors, who hold them in affectionate esteem.

WILLIAM H. MOORE, a farmer near Foundryville, Columbia county and also a dealer in ice, was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., Dec. 7, 1879, son of William W. and Anna (Walton) Moore. William Moore, his grandfather, followed farming in Luzerne county on land that he cleared himself.

William W. Moore, father of William H., was a farmer in Luzerne county and died there when aged seventy-three years. He married Anna Walton, who was one of a family of seven children. She was reared in the faith of the Society of Friends. They had seven children: William H. is mentioned below; Joseph, who is a blacksmith at Berwick, married Gertrude Hughes and has two children; Bruce works in the American Car and Foundry Company's plant; Sophia is the wife

of Archie Bittner, vice president of the Berwick Trust Company; Pearl, who is deceased, was the wife of Hurl Davis, a hotelkeeper at Berwick (she left one child); Lemuel is a farmer in Luzerne county, on the home farm; Blanche C. resides at home.

William H. Moore, son of William W. Moore, was educated in the public schools of Salem township. For five years he worked in the shops of the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick, and then bought a farm of 100 acres in Briarcreek township, near Foundryville, where he follows general farming. As there is a fine pond on his place he turns it to advantage, operating ice wagons during the summer seasons, having made provision for the storing of ice during the winters. On May 19, 1904, Mr. Moore married Fannie May Kile, who was born Aug. 28, 1880, daughter of James and Ella (Varner) Kile, of Berwick, and granddaughter of John Wesley and Esther (Hess) Kile, who had a family of fourteen children. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Kile are buried at the Coles Creek Church, in Columbia county. He was a farmer in Sugarloaf township all life.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore have had three children: Harold and Gladys, who died in infancy; and Derl, born Aug. 20, 1910, a sturdy child. Mr. and Mrs. Moore attend Moore's Evangelical Church in Salem township. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World at Berwick, and a Democrat in political faith.

WALTER RUFUS MOLYNEAUX, foreman of the shearing department of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, Pa., was born Sept. 24, 1881, in Sullivan county, Pa., son of Edward T. and Mary (Frear) Molyneaux.

Edward Molyneaux, the great-grandfather of Walter R. Molyneaux, was born in England, and upon emigrating to the United States settled in Bradford county, Pa., near Towanda. There he took up a tract of 110 acres, which he cleared, building upon it a log house and barn, and he carried on general farming throughout his life. He was a Republican in his political views, and an influential man in his day. In his religious belief he was a member of the Primitive Methodist Church. Mr. Molyneaux died at the age of eighty-two years and his wife when seventy-six years of age, and both were laid to their final rest in the cemetery at Overton, Pa. They were the parents of five children, as follows: Joel, who married Elvira McCarty, of Overton;

David; Jesse; James; and Sarah, who was the wife of Daniel Waters, of Minnesota.

James Molyneaux, son of Edward Molyneaux, and grandfather of Walter R. Molyneaux, was also born in England, and was a youth when brought to Bradford county, Pa., where he received his education in the public schools. He was reared to the life of an agriculturist on his father's farm, and there continued to be engaged in tilling the soil throughout his life. He died at the age of eighty-six years, in the faith of the Primitive Methodist Church, in which both he and his wife were active, and they were buried at Overton. Mr. Molyneaux was a stalwart Prohibitionist. He and his wife were the parents of the following children: Watson, a veteran of the Civil war, who went to Omaha, Nebr.; Frederick, who married Getty Gaynor, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Joseph, who married Cora Matthews, of Omaha, Nebr.; Edward T.; Charles, who married Margaret Bleiler, deceased, of Missouri; Jabez, who married Jesse Sayles of Philadelphia, Pa.; Margaret, who married David Warburton of Cherokee, Iowa; Clara, who married Job McCarty, of Edwardsville, Sullivan county; and Georgia, who married Ezra Rowe, of Black Walnut, Pennsylvania.

Edward T. Molyneaux, son of James Molyneaux, and father of Walter Rufus Molyneaux, was born on the old homestead in Bradford county, Pa., and there spent his entire active career with the exception of four years which he passed on a small tract in Sullivan county, prior to the death of his father. For many years he carried on general farming, but he has now retired from active pursuits. He is a Republican in politics, and has served very acceptably as school director, supervisor and judge of election, and has been county commissioner of Bradford county for seven years. He is widely known and highly esteemed, and he and his wife are active in the work of the Primitive Methodist Church at Beaumont, Pa., where they reside. They have become the parents of the following children: Orville, deceased, who married Caroline Warburton, of Philadelphia; Raymond, who married Nellie Rinboldt, of Nescopeck; Walter Rufus; Jacob, who resides at Dorranceton, Luzerne county; Bruce, who married Hattie Bleiler, of Nescopeck; and Charles Pratt and Ruth, who reside on the old homestead.

Walter Rufus Molyneaux, son of Edward T. Molyneaux, was educated in the public schools of Bradford county, and after com-



pleting his studies worked four years as a miner in Sullivan county. Succeeding this he went to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and served his apprenticeship to the machinist's trade at the Vulcan Iron Works, after which he came to Berwick and entered the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company. His ability, his steadfast attention to detail and his faithfulness to duty soon attracted the attention of his employers, and he was promoted to the position of foreman, now being in charge of thirty-two men. He has continued to merit the confidence of his employers and the respect and esteem of those under him. Mr. Molyneaux is a stalwart Republican. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Fraternally he is connected with Berwick Lodge, No. 246, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Berwick Tent, No. 282, K. O. T. M.; and he also belongs to the Berwick Relief Association.

Mr. Molyneaux was married, Feb. 19, 1912, to Catherine Warburton, who was born at Campbellville, Sullivan Co., Pa., Jan. 17, 1880, daughter of Murray and Jennie (Norton) Warburton.

**HENRY CHARLES FREY**, yardmaster for the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick, was born at Plymouth, Pa., March 25, 1880, son of Charles Franklin Frey and a grandson of Ezekiah Charles Frey.

Ezekiah Charles Frey was born in Nescopeck township, Luzerne county, in October, 1819. His education was received in the schools of his neighborhood and he became a prosperous general farmer, the owner of 180 acres of land on which his old homestead still stands. He cleared off a good portion of this property and put it under cultivation. A Democrat, he took an active part in politics, although he held no office. He belonged to the German Evangelical Church. His first wife, Elizabeth Buss, born in February, 1819, died Oct. 2, 1850, bore him the following children: Jacob died in childhood; Edmund Jones, born Dec. 23, 1845, died May 5, 1892, and is buried at Kansas City, Mo.; Louisa, born in 1848, married Louis Boyer, and lives at Columbus, Ohio; Mary E., born Sept. 15, 1850, married Clinton Cary. The second wife of Ezekiah Charles Frey, Hannah Buss, born in 1827, died Nov. 1, 1863. She was the mother of these children: Charles F. died in 1900; James, born in 1854, died May 16, 1913, and is buried at Columbus, Ohio; Milton F. lives at Kansas City, Mo.; Margaret McHenry is a

resident of Nescopeck, Pa.; Silas died in infancy; Lucinda died in infancy.

Charles Franklin Frey, son of Ezekiah Charles Frey, was born in Nescopeck township, Luzerne Co., Pa., Sept. 2, 1853, and was educated in the schools of his township. In young manhood he was a farmer, operating his father's property, and also worked as a stone cutter. Later he became a locomotive engineer on the Pennsylvania railroad, and continued with the company for thirteen years. An Evangelical Lutheran, for many years he was a local preacher, although he was not ordained until 1896, four years prior to his death, which occurred in 1900. He was a Democrat in political faith, and served as a school director for a number of years. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Knights of Malta and Improved Order of Red Men.

Charles Franklin Frey married, on Feb. 20, 1874, Delphine Girard, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah Girard, and they had the following children: Mary Elizabeth, born March 5, 1875, died in childhood and is buried at Montreal, Canada; Ida, born Feb. 10, 1877, married George M. Hendricks, and resides at Berwick, Pa.; Adora, born April 20, 1879, married Harry Snyder, and resides at Berwick; Walter, born in May, 1886, died in infancy, and is buried at Three Churches, Nescopeck township, Luzerne Co., Pa.; Henry Charles is mentioned below; Lyman, born Sept. 4, 1884, is unmarried and resides at Berwick; Asa Fillmore, born Nov. 25, 1888, is unmarried and resides at Altoona, Pa.; Oziel, born March 7, 1891, is unmarried and resides at Berwick; Esther Zola, born June 25, 1893, died in childhood, and is buried at Three Churches.

Henry Charles Frey attended public school in Nescopeck township, and after graduating worked as a butcher for a time. He then engaged in railroad work for two years, being in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. In 1903 he engaged with the American Car and Foundry Company as brakeman, and in two years was made a conductor. Two years later he was promoted to be yardmaster, which position he still fills with capable alertness. Mr. Frey is independent in his political views and has never come before the public for office. He attends the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, but is not a member. For some time he has been a member of Knapp Lodge No. 462, F. & A. M., Caldwell Consistory, A. A. S. R., Bloomsburg, and Berwick Lodge, No. 1138, B. P. O. Elks.

On Dec. 25, 1905, Henry Charles Frey married Grace Lowery, and they have one daughter, Delphine Caroline, who was born Dec. 19, 1907. Mrs. Frey was born Dec. 25, 1882, a daughter of George and Caroline (Sitler) Lowery, was educated in the public schools of Evansville, and after her graduation remained at home until married.

George Lowery, father of Mrs. Frey, was independent in politics, held no offices and belonged to no societies. His wife was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Both died in Centre township, Columbia Co., Pa., when Mrs. Frey was two years old. Their children were: Charles Eber, who married Laura Grassley; Alice Eudora, who married Clarence Trego; Morris Raymond, who married Blanche Heacock; Edith May, who married Lloyd Heacock; George Roscoe, who is unmarried; a stillborn infant; and Grace, who is Mrs. Frey.

JACOB NATHAN SULT, a timber buyer and lumberman of Briarcreek township, was born in that township Jan. 3, 1866, son of Adam Sult and grandson of John Sult, for fifty years a resident of Columbia county.

John Sult came from Easton, Pa., more than one hundred years ago, and was a resident of Columbia county for almost fifty years. His son, Adam, was the father of Jacob N. Sult.

Adam Sult was a well known farmer in Briarcreek township, where for thirty-seven years he served as justice of the peace, dying April 24, 1910, at the advanced age of eighty. He married Savilla Sitler, who was born in the same township, of German ancestry, and died in 1887. To them the following children were born: Headley, a lumberman and farmer of Briarcreek township, who is married and has nine children; Jacob Nathan; Charles W., a farmer of Salem township, Luzerne county, who married Abella Hartman and has five children; Alexander, an employee of the American Car and Foundry Company at North Berwick, who married Anna Cope and has six children; Mary, the wife of Ellis Stout, a farmer of Salem township, Luzerne county, and mother of three children; Sarah, who is the wife of Robert Paden, of Berwick, and has six children; and Lizzie, deceased.

Jacob N. Sult attended public school in Briarcreek township and one term at the Huntington High School, and then went to work for his father. He married at twenty-three, and leaving the parental home bought twenty acres of land at Summerhill, near the

two churches, later adding sixty-four acres adjoining. In 1902 he went into the lumber business, buying timber tracts and cutting the trees into merchantable lumber with a portable sawmill. In this he has been very successful, and although his lumbering operations have been large he has also found time to attend to his extensive farming interests.

Mr. Sult married Annie E., daughter of Andrew and Annie (Peterson) Hillstrom, and they had the following children: Cordelia A., born July 14, 1891; Louise S., born June 22, 1893; and William H., born Aug. 10, 1896, who died when eight years old. Mrs. Annie E. Sult was born Dec. 21, 1868, and died Nov. 5, 1896, and was buried in the Methodist churchyard at Summerhill. Subsequently Mr. Sult married (second) Annie, daughter of George and Susan Jane (Richards) Pursell, of Jordan township, Lycoming county, and they had the following children: Walter A., born Oct. 29, 1897; Clarence G., April 18, 1899; Grace E., Aug. 19, 1900; Olive M., Feb. 14, 1902; Hattie M., April 16, 1903 (died in infancy); Lovera A., May 31, 1904; Arline H., May 11, 1906; Doretta P., Jan. 26, 1909; Jacob N., Dec. 13, 1910; Jennie E., Feb. 21, 1913.

Mr. Sult is a Democrat, has been township supervisor three terms, is a member of Salem Grange (Luzerne county), and is connected with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Berwick. He is a member of the Methodist Church, which he has served as trustee, elder, deacon and steward, superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Sunday school, and president of the Epworth League.

Mrs. Annie (Pursell) Sult was born Nov. 8, 1878, in Unityville, Lycoming Co., Pa., daughter of George Pursell, and granddaughter of Joseph Pursell, a farmer, who was the father of the following children: William, who married Isabel Crossley; Annie, widow of Ellis Miller; Jane, deceased wife of William Polk; and George. Grandfather and grandmother Pursell are buried at Millville, Lycoming county.

George Pursell is now (1914) sixty years of age. He was educated in the schools of Jordan township, Lycoming county, and was obliged to take up the burden of life alone at the age of ten. He worked around among the farmers and drove a team until he had managed to save enough to go to work for himself. Then he sub-rented a farm of 108 acres from Mrs. Morse, a sister-in-law of his wife's grandmother, and he and his wife took care of

the aged lady until her death, when by her will they inherited the farm. Mr. Pursell's wife was Susan Jane, daughter of John and Catherine (Lilly) Richards, and to them were born the following children: William, who died July 5, 1908, was a twin of Mrs. Annie Sult; James married Edith Daywalt; Samuel is residing in Briarcreek; Theodore and Jacob are twins, the latter married to Florence Heaps and the former unmarried. Mr. Pursell is still farming. He is a Democrat in politics, and in religion has a leaning towards the United Evangelical Church.

Mrs. Annie (Pursell) Sult was educated in the public schools of Unityville, Lycoming county, and supported herself from the time she was ten years old. She is a member of the Methodist Church at Summerhill.

**HARRY ROBERT EAST**, foreman in the punch and shear department of the steel plant of the American Car & Foundry Company, at Berwick, Pa., was born Jan. 6, 1882, at Berwick, son of George W. East, grandson of Robert East, and great-grandson of Samuel East.

Samuel East was born in England, and was there educated. As a youth he felt that his advantages were limited and that he could better his condition by working for himself, and accordingly he left the parental roof. Subsequently he learned the trade of cabinet-maker, and after securing a small competence was married in his native land, where all of his children were born. They were as follows: Thomas, who married Angeline Henry, both being now deceased; John, who married Mary Sterner, both now deceased; Robert, who married Julia Herring; and Mary Ann, who married Joel Saxon, of Berwick, both deceased. Deciding that better opportunities awaited himself and children across the waters, Samuel East emigrated to the United States, the journey in the slow-going sailing vessel consuming six weeks, and after a short time in New York the family removed to Pottsville, Pa. The father went from that point to Beaver Meadows, near Hazleton, where he spent some time as a miner, and eventually removed to Espy, Columbia county, where he was a tenant farmer on the Mellen estate. He lived to advanced years, and died in the faith of the Methodist Church. He and his wife were buried in Scott township.

Robert East, son of Samuel East, was born in England, March 17, 1828, and died in Berwick, Pa., Aug. 1, 1886. He early learned the trades of stationary engineer and carpen-

ter. When a lad of sixteen years he accompanied his parents to Pottsville, later worked at his trades at Beaver Meadows and Weatherly, Pa., and after his marriage resided for a time at Espy, where he was proprietor of a chopmill. In 1868 Mr. East came to Berwick and entered the employ of the Jackson-Woodin Manufacturing Company, as a truck-builder, and later was associated with Freas Brothers as an engineer in their planing mill, continuing in this latter connection until his death. Mr. East was a Republican, and his fraternal connections were with Espy Lodge, No. 681, of the Odd Fellows. He was a faithful member of the Methodist Church, with which his wife was also connected, and both are buried in Pine Grove cemetery. Mr. East married Julia Herring, daughter of Ludwig Herring, whose wife was a Barro, and they became the parents of three children: David, who married Jennie Smith; George W., deceased; and Martha, who is unmarried.

George W. East, son of Robert East, and father of Harry R. East, was born at Espy, in Scott township, Columbia county, Aug. 31, 1857, and died at Berwick, Pa., September 12, 1890. He early learned habits of industry and thrift, and when a lad secured employment in the Espy brickyards, where he worked until twelve years old. At that time he accompanied his father to Berwick and with him entered the services of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company as general repairman, a position which he held until his death, which was accidental, caused by the fall of a bar of iron which burst a blood-vessel in his head. He married Sarah Hortman, daughter of William B. and Catherine (Foulk) Hortman, and to this union were born the following children: Grace, born July 20, 1879, who for sixteen years has been one of the most efficient and popular school teachers of Berwick; Harry Robert; Charles W., born Oct. 27, 1888, who has a position in the steel yard of the American Car & Foundry Company, checking. Mr. East was a Republican. He enjoyed the advantages of membership in Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., at Berwick, and was a devout member of the United Evangelical Church.

Harry Robert East, son of George W. East, is a graduate of the Berwick high school, class of 1901. He was but fifteen years of age when he began to contribute to his own support, working in the blacksmith shop with the repair gang of the American Car & Foundry Company. In the wood car shop, in August, 1897, he sustained an accident which, no

doubt, would have thoroughly disheartened a man of less courageous spirit, and which cost him the thumb and first finger from his right hand. Nevertheless he graduated from high school and secured employment as a clerk under R. L. Kline, with the Berwick Store Company, with whom he remained about four months, then again entering the plant of the American Car & Foundry Company, where he was given charge of an axle lathe. Here Mr. East displayed his indomitable spirit and energy. Placed in competition with men of sterling ability, in spite of his drawback he proved himself so valuable to his employers that he was raised to the position of assistant foreman and then foreman in the iron house, and after about one year learned coremaking and took a position with Hoyt & Woodin in the malleable iron department. After about three years spent in this connection he entered the steel plant as a helper, assisting on the punch machine. His ability and faithful devotion to duty here earned him the position of aisle foreman (known locally as "gang leader"), from which responsibility he was chosen as foreman in the punch department, and subsequently was given the position he now holds, that of foreman of the punch and shear department in the steel plant. Under his charge are grave responsibilities, and in their discharge he has proved himself so capable that his employers have the utmost faith in him. Having worked his way steadily upward from the lowest rung of the ladder in his trade, he is thoroughly familiar with its every detail, and is able to assist newcomers and learners. Not alone has he won the esteem of his superiors in office in the concern with which he is connected, but he has also gained and maintained the friendship of those under him, who are ready to look to him for leadership at all times.

Mr. East was married to Minnie Viola Kisner, daughter of Samuel and Amy (Hendershott) Kisner, and to this union have come two children: Grace M., born Aug. 24, 1911, and Henrietta J., born July 23, 1914.

Mr. East is a Republican in his political views, and fraternally holds membership in Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., Berwick; Aerie No. 1281, F. O. E., of Berwick; and Tent No. 282, Knights of the Maccabees. With his family he attends the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church.

Grace East, sister of Harry Robert East, was graduated from the Berwick high school in the class of 1898, and is at this time teacher

of the fifth grade in the Market street school. She has been well known in educational circles of Berwick for sixteen years, and is equally prominent in the work of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, where she had been president of the Christian Endeavor Society, and is teacher of the young ladies in the Sunday school.

Charles W. East, brother of Harry Robert East, graduated from the Berwick high school in 1907, was formerly a punch operator in the steel plant, in the steel passenger department of the American Car and Foundry Company, and is now a checker in the steel yard of that company. He is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., and of Berwick Lodge of Elks, of which he has been esteemed knight, and is still farther advanced now.

Samuel Kisner, father of Mrs. Minnie Viola (Kisner) East, was born in February, 1843, at Mauch Chunk, Carbon Co., Pa., and died Dec. 1, 1903. He was educated in Luzerne county, and there learned the trade of carpenter, which he continued to follow throughout his life, operating principally at Shickshinny, Edwardsville and Kingston. Upon coming to Berwick he was for a time engaged in hauling sand for Alfred Culp, this being his occupation at the time of his death. Mr. Kisner was married to Amy Hendershott, who was born in June, 1840, and died Jan. 26, 1899, and their children were: Wesley; Edward; Elizabeth, who married Christopher Bates, and lives in Edwardsville; Harry, who married Marjorie Walters, of Plymouth; Charles; Jennie, who married Harry Seegar; Lillian, who married Theodore Scott, of Wilkes-Barre; Alfred, who is deceased; and Minnie Viola, who was born at Edwardsville, Luzerne county, Dec. 8, 1885. Mr. Kisner was a Republican in his political views. With his wife he was a regular attendant of the Presbyterian Church, in the faith of which they died, and both are buried in Forty Fort cemetery.

John Fisher Hortman, the maternal great-grandfather of Harry R. East, was a merchant of Belvidere, N. J., and came from that State to Pennsylvania, opening a general store at Espy, and later moving to Montoursville, where he died at the age of seventy years. He married Catherine Bloom, who died at Bloomsburg, and they became the parents of five children: Mary Elizabeth, who married Isaac Artley; Sarah Ann, who married John Bennett; Abraham, who mar-

ried Martha Freas; Fisher, who died at the age of twenty-five years; and William B.

William B. Hortman, son of John Fisher Hortman was born at Belvidere, N. J., Oct. 13, 1820, and died April 7, 1884. He was educated principally in Bloomsburg, and as a youth became a clerk for the firm of Woodin & Calfas, in their stove foundry at Foundryville, later becoming the owner of boats on the Pennsylvania canal. He continued that business ten years, deriving his principal revenue from the carrying of coal to Baltimore. Subsequently he became the owner of seventy acres of farming land in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, but six years before his death his health failed and he came to Berwick, where he lived quietly until the time of his demise. He married Catherine Foulk, who was born Jan. 5, 1827, daughter of Peter and Mary Magdalene (Sitler) Foulk, and passed away March 31, 1889. They became the parents of the following children: John F., born May 26, 1850, married Ellen Remley, deceased; William H., born Sept. 29, 1852, married Ellen Swank, deceased, of Centre township; Mary Catherine, born June 4, 1854, married William Pifer, of Luzerne county; Frank Stewart, born Jan. 10, 1856, married Luella Metz, and they live in Philadelphia; Sarah Jane was born Oct. 5, 1857; Loring A., born March 23, 1859, married Ida Sitler (deceased) and (second) Mary Swank, of Pittsburg; Abraham Lincoln, born Dec. 8, 1860, died young; Isaac Artley, born April 6, 1862, married Nellie Howell, of Philadelphia; Anna Margaret and Jacob Sampson, twins, were born Sept. 4, 1864, the former now married to William Allabaugh, of Luzerne county, and the latter a resident of Kingston, Luzerne Co., Pa.; Rosa Adela, born Aug. 9, 1866, married Kinney L. Keller, of Sayre, Pa.; Willard W., born June 27, 1868, married Anna Bower, of Berwick. Mr. and Mrs. Hortman are buried in Pine Grove cemetery. A Republican in politics, Mr. Hortman served as justice of the peace in Briarcreek township, and was widely and favorably known as one of the stalwart men of his community. During the time of the Civil war, he was recruiting officer in Berwick. In his early years he was an Episcopalian, but later in life joined the Methodist Church, in the faith of which both he and his wife died.

GEORGE A. FRY, senior member of the firm of the Danville Milling Company, has been associated with that concern since April 1, 1895, commencing as an employee. He is

a native of Montour county, born on July 8, 1858, son of John Fry and grandson of Henry Fry, who settled in Columbia county in the early days. The latter was a farmer by occupation.

John Fry was born in 1813, in Columbia county, and was engaged at farm work principally throughout his life, dying in 1898 at Mausdale, in Valley township, near Danville. He married Rebecca Sandel, who was born Feb. 2, 1823, in Valley township, in what is now Montour county, daughter of George and Anna (Moser) Sandel, farming people. Mr. and Mrs. Fry had a family of seven children: John, who lives at Mausdale, Pa.; Catherine, wife of Charles Diehl, of Danville, Pa.; William, who is engaged with his brother George at the mills; Elizabeth, deceased wife of William Flora, of Anthony township, Montour county; George A.; Phoebe, wife of Charles Kelley, of Pottsgrove, Northumberland Co., Pa.; and Peter, of Plymouth, Luzerne Co., Pennsylvania.

After leaving school George A. Fry did farm work until sixteen years old, when he went to live with Philip F. Maus, of Mausdale, in whose employ he remained for eleven years. During the next seven years he was engaged in railroading with the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, at the end of that period—April 1, 1895—coming to work at what was then the H. A. Hargrave flour mill in Danville, as engineer. He was thus engaged until 1898. That year with his two partners, John H. Dietz and Charles J. Lawrence, he formed what has since been known as the Danville Milling Company, renting the Mausdale mill, at Mausdale, owned by P. E. Maus, son of Philip F. Maus. They operated that mill until Jan. 1, 1901, when they bought their present mill from the Reading Iron Company, operating it ever since. The production at this mill averages one hundred barrels daily. The present company has put in a complete equipment of modern machinery, and the mill is conducted according to the most up-to-date methods. The officers of the company are George A. Fry, C. J. Lawrence and John H. Dietz. This mill is one of the oldest, in point of continuous existence, in eastern Pennsylvania, and was one of the first establishments in the vicinity. It was formerly known as the Waterman & Beaver Mill. The present owners by their progressive policy have won the reputation of being among the most enterprising men of Danville, and their reliable and honorable methods of dealing have placed them among the most



*C. A. Fry*



substantial. Mr. Fry is devoted to his business and home interests, taking no part in politics or any public affairs. Socially he is a member and past master of Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., and of Montour Lodge, No. 109, I. O. O. F., both of Danville. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran Church, and is a member of Pine Street Lutheran Church of Danville, J. H. Musselman, pastor.

Mr. Fry has been twice married, his first wife being Margaret Roland, a native of Danville, daughter of James Roland, and by this union there were three children: Mary, born March 15, 1883, who is at home; Anna, born July 14, 1885, wife of Paris B. Andies, of Jeannette, Pa.; and Alice, born Dec. 3, 1887, at home. The mother died Dec. 27, 1889, aged thirty-two years. On March 29, 1898, Mr. Fry married Catherine Phillips. There are no children by this marriage. Mrs. Fry was born May 10, 1869, at Danville, daughter of Squire Joseph Reese and Mary (Allegar) Phillips, the father a native of Wales, born Aug. 24, 1828. He died Jan. 17, 1895, surviving his wife, who was born Oct. 23, 1830, and passed away Sept. 12, 1890.

ISAAC E. YOST, deceased, formerly a resident of Bloomsburg, was born in Montour township, Columbia county, Oct. 24, 1842, and died in Bloomsburg Nov. 1, 1912. He was a son of Dr. John George Yost, and his grandfather Yost was a native of Lehigh county, Pa. He lived near Allentown, where he died. He was the father of the following children: John George, Harmon, Aaron, Jessie, John, Joseph, William, Catherine, Celissa (who died young) and Rebecca.

Dr. John George Yost, father of Isaac E. Yost, was born in Lehigh county, Pa., in 1803, and died in Bloomsburg in 1875. Learning the blacksmith's trade in young manhood, he later decided upon farming, and coming to Columbia county in 1826 located in Montour township, where for a short time he operated a farm. However, having had a good education, he determined to enter the medical profession, and studied to that end. When he had completed his medical course he bought the Scott property in Bloomsburg, and resided there, spending the remainder of his life engaged in an active practice.

Dr. Yost married Mary M. Kocher, a daughter of Peter Kocher, of Northampton county, Pa., born in 1808 and died in 1878. Both Dr. and Mrs. Yost are buried in the Rosemont cemetery, where a beautiful monu-

ment marks their last resting place. Their children were: Eleanora, who married Isaac Mowery; Elizabeth, who married Peter Bechtel; and Isaac E.

Isaac E. Yost received a good common school education, and was reared as a farmer boy. Eventually he became the owner of the old homestead in Montour township, which had been in the family for nearly a century. Mr. Yost sold this property in 1911 to Boyd Fry. He had removed to Bloomsburg in 1881, when he retired from agricultural pursuits, and resided at No. 138 East Fifth street, owning his home there as well as other Bloomsburg realty.

Isaac E. Yost married Catherine E. Keefer, a daughter of Abraham Keefer, who was for many years a tailor of Orangeville, Columbia county. Mrs. Yost was born in 1840 and died in 1908, and is buried in Rosemont cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Yost had children as follows: George; Bruce O.; Emma, who married Lloyd Smith; Ada, who married Edward Gearing; Mary M., who is at home; and Acob, who died at the age of eighteen years. For many years Mr. Yost was a consistent member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. A Democrat, he served as a school director for four terms while residing in Montour township, and also as president of the board, and as supervisor and overseer of the poor. After coming to Bloomsburg he was a member of the council, and served as assessor and supervisor.

Mr. Yost was one of the substantial men of his community and his death left a vacancy not easily filled. His funeral services were conducted at his late residence Nov. 4, 1912, Rev. J. E. Byers officiating. His remains were laid to rest by the side of his beloved wife in Rosemont cemetery.

JOHN H. SMETHERS, teller in the Berwick National Bank, was born in Berwick June 29, 1877. He is a son of Jacob C. Smethers, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work.

Mr. Smethers attended public school in his native city until he entered Woods business college, at Wilkes-Barre, where he completed a full commercial course. For a time after his graduation he worked with his father in the contracting business, but finally entered the employ of the Jackson Woodin Company, remaining a short time and leaving to enter the service of the Berwick Store Company, as clerk to F. A. Witman. He remained in this position for nearly six years, when he became a clerk in the Berwick National Bank, receiv-



ing gradual promotion until he reached his present position as teller. His uniform courtesy to the patrons of the bank has won him many friends, and his careful attention to his business has made him an invaluable member of the bank's force.

On June 10, 1902, Mr. Smethers was married to Margaret M. Dodson, a daughter of John and Rosa Belle (Ritter) Dodson, a history of whose family appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Smethers have two children: Ritter Dodson, born May 22, 1903, and John Jacob, born Aug. 11, 1914.

Mr. Smethers is a Republican and has filled various offices in the city government. He is a member of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and Berwick Council, No. 1761, Royal Arcanum, of which latter he is a past regent. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he has served five terms as trustee, being now secretary of the board of trustees and superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mr. Smethers comes from one of the oldest families of this section, one whose members have been identified with its advancement and growth. They have taken an active part in the various activities of their locality, and ranked among the honored and respected citizens. Since April, 1907, John H. Smethers has been secretary of the Berwick Building and Loan Association, one of the most substantial of the State.

Mr. Smethers is a son of Jacob C. Smethers and grandson of Henry Smethers, born in 1830, died in 1860. The latter's wife, Lucinda, survived him and married George Harman. To her marriage with Mr. Smethers were born: Lamon, now a resident of Rockland, Texas; Jacob C.; and George, deceased, who married Harriet Edwards.

Jacob C. Smethers, born Dec. 26, 1854, in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., died Feb. 4, 1914. He married Alice M. Hess, and they had a family of four children: John H., Aaron H., Amy B. and Nora E.

Mrs. John H. Smethers is a daughter of the late John Dodson, of Berwick, who was born Sept. 13, 1838, in Yorkshire, England, and died Nov. 23, 1914. He and his wife Rosa B. (Ritter), who survives him, had the following children: Eugene (deceased), Marietta (deceased), William A., Anna (Mrs. John Shoemaker), Ella A. (Mrs. Edward H. Humphries), Elizabeth (Mrs. Mayberry Bachman) and Margaret M. (Mrs. John H. Smethers).

MABERY ACHY, a farmer of Catawissa township, Columbia county, was born in Locust township, that county, Feb. 19, 1870, son of Ephraim Achy.

Ephraim Achy was born at Amityville, Berks Co., Pa., and coming to Columbia county in young manhood settled in Locust township. A tailor, he found ready employment at his trade both in Locust township and at Centralia, working at the latter place during the Civil war. In conjunction with tailoring Mr. Achy found time to operate a farm. When he retired he settled at Catawissa, Pa., where he died when seventy-nine years old. He married Maria Snyder, and their children were: Jefferson, Franklin, Harriet, Amanda, Anna and Mabery.

Mabery Achy went to school in both Centralia and Catawissa, and was taught farming in all its details, so it was but natural that he should engage in that line of work. In 1896 he went to Catawissa township, but within a year moved to Centre township, where he passed five years. Returning to Catawissa township, he has developed into one of the prosperous agriculturists of his region.

Mabery Achy married Lestie Jamison, a daughter of Benjamin Jamison, of Berwick, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Achy became the parents of the following children: Anna Maria; Mary, who is a teacher in the Catawissa public schools; George; Harry; Hattie; Frank, and Laura. In his political ideas Mr. Achy is a Democrat, and being greatly interested in educational matters has taken an active part in such affairs in his district, having been a school director for six years, and now serving as president of the board. For two terms he was tax collector, and has always been a public-spirited, efficient man. The Methodist Church of Catawissa holds his membership. Fraternally he belongs to the K. G. E.

SAMUEL FREAS KEPNER, who has been connected with the postal service at Berwick since 1902, has lived in that borough from boyhood. The family came hither from Luzerne county, Pa., where he was born, at Wapwallopen, Sept. 2, 1876, son of James Harvey Kepner. He is a grandson of Daniel Kepner.

Daniel Kepner was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and died in Millerstown, Pa., at the home of his eldest son, 1900. He was an Evangelical minister at Salem, Mt. Zion, and surrounding points, and traveled over much of the country. He married Leah Christ, and their children were: James Har-

vey; Levi, who married Anna Black, who is deceased and buried at Millerstown; Anna, wife of Charles Hass; John A., who married Lydia Myers (deceased) and (second) Ella Stackhouse; Daniel A., a minister, married to Jennie Hoch; Harriet, wife of Nicholas Frey; Norah, wife of Abner Stettman; William, who married Maria Shelley; Jacob, married to May Sweffler; and George, married to Mary Seeley.

James Harvey Kepner was born June 12, 1850, in Juniata county, Pa., and died March 4, 1889, in Berwick. After his school days he learned the carpenter's trade and worked in the powder mill at Wapwallopen. In 1882 he came to Berwick and entered the wood car department of the Jackson & Woodin plant, when William Faust was superintendent, retiring from active labor in 1888. He married Emma Frances Frease, born Oct. 17, 1853, daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Sloyer) Frease, and they had children as follows: Bruce A.; Samuel F.; and Laura Mabel, who married Adelbert R. Kingsbury. The parents were members of the Evangelical Church. The father was a Republican in politics and fraternally was connected with Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta, at Berwick.

Samuel Freas Kepner was six years old when the family removed to Berwick, and he received his education at the old Market Street Academy and the Third street high school, under Professor Richardson, graduating from the latter institution. For ten years he was employed in the wheel foundry of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company under H. W. Kirkendall, foreman and superintendent, being transferred from there to the storehouse of the steel plant, under Thomas R. Buck, head storekeeper, and J. R. Searles, superintendent. After two years there he returned to the wheel foundry for about three months. In 1902 he took the examination for the postal service, and passing was engaged four years as a substitute, on Nov. 1, 1906, being appointed regular postman, under Postmaster R. S. Bowman. He has served as such ever since, with characteristic fidelity, and is highly thought of in the community, where his work brings him into contact with most of the residents of the borough. He belongs to two lodges at Berwick, Commandery No. 18, Knights of Malta, and P. O. S. of A. Camp No. 105. He is a member of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church. Politically Mr. Kepner has no party ties.

Mr. Kepner married Emma Kisner, and

they have had one child, Irvin Crispin, born Jan. 14, 1907.

The Kisner family moved to this region from Bucks county, Pa. John Kisner, Mrs. Kepner's grandfather, was born on a farm in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, and himself owned a farm of sixty-six acres, which he cleared and cultivated, raising general crops. He was a Democrat, and a member of the Evangelical Church. To him and his wife Catherine (Boss) were born the following children: Stephen married Rebecca Savage; William married Amelia Bower and (second) Mary Fowler; Hettie married John Kelchner; Savilla married Samuel Knorr; Maria married Emmanuel Sitler; Catherine married Daniel Harman; John married Eliza Matilda Paden.

John Kisner, son of John, was born March 3, 1843, in Briarcreek township, and had common school advantages. He was engaged in general farming and carpenter work, renting a farm in his native township. His death occurred in 1891, and he was buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick. His widow, Eliza Matilda, is a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Markle) Paden, of Forks, Columbia county. They were the parents of the following children: Elmer, who married Stella Seybert and (second) Adelaide Hinchliff; Jessie May, deceased, wife of Clark Bower, buried in Pine Grove cemetery; Verda, Mrs. John Swallenberg; Emma, Mrs. Kepner; and Irvin.

James Paden, father of Mrs. Eliza Matilda (Paden) Kisner, was born in the neighborhood of Forks, in Fishingcreek township, Columbia county, and was of Scotch-Irish ancestry. During the Civil war he served in the Union army, and he died at Forks shortly after the close of the war, when about forty-eight years old. Farming was his occupation, and he owned seventy-six acres of land, part of which he cleared. He was a Democrat and a member of the German Reformed Church. His wife, Elizabeth (Markle), daughter of Daniel and Katherine Markle, of Fishingcreek township, survived him many years, dying Nov. 11, 1899. The Markle family came from Germany and made a settlement at Forks, in Fishingcreek township. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Paden, of whom we have the following record: Maria Catherine married James Evans, who is deceased; Eliza Matilda married John Kisner, deceased; Daniel Frederick (deceased) married Elizabeth Sinscenaugh; Hiram W. married Isabelle M. Kocher, who is deceased; Amanda Elizabeth married Samuel Meyers, who is de-

ceased; Phoebe Allen (deceased) married George Edler; David Francis married Norah Sweppenheiser; Sarah Ann married John Knight, who is deceased; James Buchanan died young; Lana Alice married Frank Fluck; Rebecca Jane married George Eveland.

MICHAEL B. HOCK, steward of the poor farm of the Bloomsburg poor district, situated in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, was born in that township April 6, 1861, son of George W. Hock. His paternal great-grandfather came from Germany to the United States at an early day, three of this family immigrating at the same time, Michael, Felty and Munny Hock. He located in Columbia county, Pa., and founded a branch of the family in this locality.

Casper Hock, grandfather of Michael B., lived in Hemlock township, working among the different farmers, his services being in request in clearing the land, as he was a very efficient axe man. His death occurred in Hemlock township. The following children were born to him and his wife: George W., Michael, Christian, Eli, Leonard, Rachel, Catherine, Elizabeth, Annie, Ella and Susan.

George W. Hock, a son of Casper Hock, was born in Bloom township, where he was employed on various farms by the day and also in sawmills. He died at the somewhat early age of fifty-seven years, and his remains were interred in Dutch Hill cemetery. George W. Hock married Mary Moyer, a daughter of John Moyer, and they became the parents of the following children: Alice, Michael B., Lawrence, Israel, Estella, Clement, Eliza, Ralph and Rennie.

Michael B. Hock went to the local schools and began farming in Greenwood township as a laborer. Later he began farming for himself on rented land and became noted for his success. During his boyhood he planted corn on land now included in the town of Millville. In 1903 Mr. Hock took charge of the poor farm, which has jurisdiction over the town of Bloomsburg, Scott, Sugarloaf and Greenwood townships, and the borough of Millville. Since he has taken over the management of affairs all of the present substantial buildings have been erected, and the system now in vogue was planned out by him. The farm comprises 135 acres, which is well cultivated, providing for the needs of the inmates, now numbering eleven. Conditions are such as to commend the management to the taxpayers, while at the same time the unfortunates receive sympathetic attention.

Mr. Hock married Martha McCasslan, a daughter of Marvin McCasslan, of Montoursville, Pa. The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hock: Mildred, who is deceased; Carrie, who married Ray S. Kressler; Scott, who resides at Eversgrove, Pa.; Murrell, who is at home; George, of Mt. Pleasant township; and Carl, who is attending school. Mr. Hock is a Democrat in political belief.

WILLIAM H. KREISCHER, shipping clerk for the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, was born in Columbia county, Pa., Aug. 18, 1878, son of Henry and Mary (Strausser) Kreischer.

John Kreischer, grandfather of William H. Kreischer, was born in 1809 and died in September, 1896. He was a general farmer, operating a farm of eighty acres in Locust township, and also owned and operated a limestone quarry, selling his product for building purposes. In politics he was a Republican. Religiously he was a member of the Lutheran Church. John Kreischer became the father of the following children: Jerry, born in 1846, was a soldier during the Civil war, and died of typhoid fever two weeks after his discharge, in 1865, unmarried; Peter, born in 1847, who married Hannah Ziegler, has been an invalid for thirty-five years; Isaiah, born in 1851, married Adeline Stewart, and lives at Aristes, Pa.; Henry was born in 1857; Zachariah, born in 1862, married Sarah Tyson, and is buried at New Media; George, born in 1867, married Ida Shay, and lives at Croll, Pa.; Matilda, born in 1854, married Francis Hummel, and lives at Croll, Pa.; Mary, born in 1859, married William Hanubach, and lives at Aristes, Pennsylvania.

Henry Kreischer was born in Locust township, Columbia Co., Pa., in February, 1857, while his wife was born in February, 1859, at Aristes.

William H. Kreischer was educated at Rupert, Pa., where he attended the public schools, and his first employment was with the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company as news agent, his run being between Northumberland and Scranton. After a service of five years in this capacity he became a brakeman on the same division, thus continuing for a year. He then located at Berwick and was appointed car service clerk for the same company, holding that position for four years. On Jan. 1, 1902, he left the road to engage with the American Car and Foundry Company as yardmaster, being so employed

for four years, when he was made material tracer in the supply department, and then for two years was clerk in the steel yard, handling all the steel records. For the next three months he had charge of the shipping and inspection of the bolt and nut works, and for the last two years has been shipping clerk and inspector in the mine wheel department, where he was recently injured by stepping into a hole; as a result of his accident he was afflicted with acute synovitis.

On Sept. 4, 1906, William H. Kreisler was married to Bertha Johnson Stuart, born at Fredericksburg, Md., Feb. 12, 1884, a daughter of William J. and Sarah Dorcas (Manly) Stuart, and granddaughter of Caleb Stuart.

Mahlon Stuart, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Kreisler, married Sarah Rodney, a sister of Caesar Rodney, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Mahlon Stuart was a large landowner and possessed many slaves, living in the South.

Caleb Stuart, born at Fredericksburg, Md., in 1805, died when over eighty years old. He was the owner of a large plantation and many slaves. The maiden name of his wife was Martha Johnson, and she was a daughter of Henry and Martha (Rodney) Johnson. The children of Caleb Stuart and wife were: Philip, who married Charlotte Harris, and lives at Bridgeville, Del.; Joseph; William J.; Hannah, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Anna Liza, who married Richard Augustine; Penelope, who died at the age of twenty-five years; and Mary, who died in childhood.

William J. Stuart was born at Fredericksburg, Md., July 23, 1836. His wife, Sarah Dorcas (Manly) Stuart, was born at Dorset, Vt., April 1, 1848, and died Aug. 17, 1890, at Fowlerville, Columbia Co., Pa. She was a daughter of Marcus and Mary (Dunton) Manly. Growing up at Philadelphia, she was graduated from the Girls' high school and a normal school and taught in the schools of that city for eight years. Marcus Manly, her father, was a manufacturer of iron fences for graveyard plots, and held the contract for the production of all the steel for the Schuylkill bridge at Philadelphia. This excellent man's death was caused by the explosion of an emery wheel. His remains were interred in Rose Lawn cemetery, Philadelphia. The children of Marcus Manly and wife were: Jennie had charge of the clinic at the Children's hospital, Philadelphia, and was a Red Cross nurse during the Spanish-American war, being stationed at Porto Rico; Robert, who married a

Miss Hassell and (second) Emily Patterson, is a real estate dealer of New York City; Mary married John Perrins, an eyelet manufacturer, of Seymour, Conn., operating in partnership with his brother, Thomas Perrins; Sarah Dorcas is Mrs. Stuart.

William J. Stuart and his wife had the following family: (1) Gertrude, born March 17, 1878, married Horace Manley, and lives at Philadelphia. (2) Ruth, born May 5, 1882, is unmarried and lives at Jersey Shore. (3) Mabel, born March 24, 1889, married Ray Goodell, and lives at Suffield, Conn. (4) Milton C., born March 30, 1886, graduated from the Boys' high school in 1904, with second honors, received a scholarship for the University of Pennsylvania on his merits, and graduated from that institution in 1909 with honors. He was then elected a member of the faculty of the Rensselaer Polytechnic School, Troy, N. Y., and was instructor of the senior class in calculus, thermo-dynamics and shop and steam engineering. During his third term at Rensselaer he received the flattering offer of a position as steam engineer for the Cambria Steel Company, at Johnstown, Pa. On May 2, 1914, he married Miss Ethel Avera Hinchman, of Merchantville, N. J. She is a musician of rare ability. (5) Mamie, born Aug. 5, 1868, married Arthur Hazzard, who is a steel jail contractor, throughout the South, and lives at Atlanta, Ga. (6) Bertha Johnson was educated in the schools of Berwick, and was graduated from its high school in 1903. For three years prior to her marriage she taught in the sixth grade and was under Prof. J. W. Snyder's principalship.

Mr. and Mrs. Kreisler have had the following children: Ruth Elizabeth, born July 27, 1907; William Henry, born Sept. 24, 1909; Richard Stuart, born Jan. 19, 1912; and Mary Dorcas, born April 24, 1913.

Mr. Kreisler is a Democrat in political faith. Fraternally he belongs to Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and the Berwick Benefit Association. Formerly a member of the Rupert Methodist Church, where he was leader of the Epworth League, he now belongs to the Presbyterian Church of Berwick.

DAVID MAUSER (deceased) was born in Montour township, Columbia Co., Pa., a son of Joseph, grandson of Christian and great-grandson of Nicholas Mauser, a German pioneer of what is now Montour county. Mr. Mauser was a blacksmith by trade, but devoted himself to farming late in life.

Nicholas Mauser was a native of Germany

and emigrated to this country in 1779, settling in Montour (then Northumberland) county, cleared land and built himself a home. He was a Revolutionary soldier. He lies at rest in the Ridgeville churchyard, in Cooper township. He left one son, Christian, and two daughters, Mrs. Deaffenbaucher and Mrs. Kocher.

Christian Mauser was born March 8, 1779, and died May 27, 1866. He married Catherine Sechler, who was born April 21, 1786, and died Dec. 20, 1862. They lived on the old homestead, where Mr. Mauser followed farming. Their children were: Joseph, who married Lydia Fry; Betsey, wife of John Krumm; Barbara, wife of Michael Wertman; John, who married Lydia Wertman; Michael, who married Catherine Wertman; Jacob, who married Catherine Krumm; William, who married Maria Fry; Maria, who married Michael Wertman; Fanny, who married Thomas Cole; Molly, wife of Edmund White; and Catherine, wife of Thomas Cole.

Jacob Mauser followed farming on the old homestead, where he was born, and died there. He and his wife had three children: Mary E., widow of Isaiah Hagenbuch, resides in Grovania; Lydia died in infancy; Aaron C., born July 21, 1849, married Ellen Kiefer, and resides on the old Mauser homestead.

Joseph Mauser, father of David, was born in Cooper township and followed farming as an occupation. He bought the old Fry farm and lived upon it until his death. He was buried in the Lazarus churchyard. To his marriage with Lydia, daughter of Jacob Fry, were born the following children: Noah, who died at Mifflinburg, Pa.; David; William, living in Lewisburg; Annie, wife of Henry Lazarus; Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Fry; and Ellen, wife of Levi Weaver, living in Bloomsburg.

David Mauser learned the trade of blacksmith and followed it for several years, but finally took charge of his father's homestead in Montour township, living there until his death, Dec. 10, 1902. He was interred in the cemetery of the Lazarus Church, of which he was a member. He was a Democrat and served several years as school director. He married Sarah J. Krumm, daughter of Gideon and Elizabeth (Cromley) Krumm. They had no children of their own, but reared a daughter, Annie S. Krumm, daughter of John Krumm, taking her at the age of seven. She married George C. Thomas, and is living on the Mauser homestead. They have had seven children: David M., Harry K., Preston C., Boyd W., Helen S. (deceased), Mildred Edna,

and James L. (deceased). Mrs. Mauser still lives on the old home property, and is happy in the affection of her adopted daughter and her children.

John Krumm came from Lehigh county, Pa., to Cooper township, Montour county, where he farmed until his death. He married Maria Brobst, and their children were: John, Gideon (father of Mrs. Mauser), Thomas, Charles, William, Noah, Jonathan, Nathan, Elias, Mary, Abbie and Lydia.

Gideon Krumm, father of Mrs. David Mauser, was a shoemaker, and also followed farming in Cooper township, where he died and was buried, as were all the other early members of the family, in the churchyard of the Lazarus Lutheran Church. He married Elizabeth Cromley, who died in 1901, aged seventy-six, while he followed her to the grave in 1910, at the age of eighty-nine. They were the parents of children as follows: Sarah J., widow of David Mauser; John S.; Mary; David; Amanda; Lydia; Fannie; H. Margaret; Ellen; Delilah, who died at the age of fourteen; Alice, who died at the age of eleven; Charles, who died young; and Catherine, who died in infancy.

GEORGE W. WATERS, now retired, residing at Catawissa, was born in that borough Feb. 22, 1842, son of George Waters. His paternal grandfather was a resident of New Jersey prior to his removal to Catawissa, Pa., where he established himself as a tailor. His death occurred in Catawissa, and he is buried here. His children were George and Aaron.

George Waters, father of George W., spent his life at Catawissa, doing day work. Here he died, and he, too, is buried in the cemetery where lies his father's remains, known as the Union graveyard. He married Eliza Bensing, and their children were: Capt. Samuel, who died at Elizabeth City, N. C., a captain of the 6th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, commanding Company A, during the Civil war; Jeremiah; Aaron; George W.; Dennis; Harrison; Perry; and Mary, who married John Heycock.

On April 22, 1861, George W. Waters enlisted in Company A, 6th P. R. V. C., assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and served for three years. After he received his honorable discharge he was employed by the government, under Col. W. W. Wright, in construction corps, and was employed at bridge building until the close of the war. Returning to Catawissa, Mr. Waters worked for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company a short

period, and then became a helper in the Catawissa blacksmith shop. Later he was employed at the mines of Johnstown for a short time, and then returned to Catawissa, where he became a machinist for the same railroad company, in whose employ he continued for forty-six years. On Feb. 29, 1912, he was placed on the retired list with a pension, and is now living at Catawissa at the home of his son John, having withdrawn from active life. Mr. Waters is a member of Hoagland Post, G. A. R., of Catawissa; of the Veteran Association of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad; the P. O. S. of A., and the K. G. E. In religious faith he is a Lutheran. In politics he is a Republican.

George W. Waters married Sarah Rohrbach, a daughter of Reuben and Abby Rohrbach, and she died in 1894, the mother of the following children: John, who is a well known druggist of Catawissa, married Florence Taylor, a daughter of James and Deborah Taylor, and their children are Deborah and John; Reynolds died in 1881; Tressa married Harry Hosler, son of George B. and N. P. Hosler, and they have had two children, John and Richard, the latter dying in 1913. Mrs. Waters is buried in Greenwood cemetery, Catawissa. Mr. Waters is affectionately styled "Uncle George" by both young and old at Catawissa.

MILES MURRY, a retired resident of Berwick, was born at Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., Pa., Nov. 4, 1844, a son of Joseph and Catherine (Kearns) Murry.

The maternal grandfather of Miles Murry was of French and German descent and was brought to Maryland when a lad. There he followed agricultural pursuits throughout his life. He married a lady of German descent, whose family had also emigrated to Maryland at an early date.

Joseph Murry, father of Miles Murry, was born in Maryland in 1816, and died in Northumberland, Pa., in 1889, and is buried at Beach Haven, Luzerne Co., Pa. He was educated in the public schools of Bloomsburg, Pa., following which he learned the trade of brickmaker, later tended the lock at Beach Haven, and finally worked on the Pennsylvania canal. Mr. Murry was a Democrat in politics, fraternized with the Odd Fellows, and followed the teachings of the Episcopal Church in his religious tendencies. In 1840 he married Catherine Kearns, and they became the parents of the following children: Margaret, who died at the age of thirty-one years; Mary,

the widow of James Shultz; Ann, deceased, who was the wife of Hiram Brown; Miles; Frank, killed at Nanticoke, Pa., while railroad-ing, who married (first) May McCoe and (second) Libby Willcox, of New York; and Robert, who died at an early age.

Miles Murry received his education in the public schools of Bloomsburg and Beach Haven. He then worked on the home farm for two years, and in 1861 received an appointment under the United States government to go to Maryland and break mules for use in the Union service. He spent some time in this occupation at Conscippio, three miles from Perryville Springs, and then spent about two weeks at Fortress Monroe, after which he was transferred to the 1st and 2d Brigades of the 2d Division, 5th Army Corps, as a teamster. He went then to the Peninsula, Harrison's Landing and other points, and was ordered into the ambulance corps, with which he remained three months. He was present at the battles of Second Bull Run, Snicker's Gap and Antietam, and through his coolness and bravery justly earned the regard and admiration of his comrades and officers. While driving a team in the ordnance department, bringing ammunition to the front at Mine Run, Nov. 4, 1863, he was captured by the men under Colonel White, C. S. A., on the old plank road before the Wilderness, prior to the time General Grant took command of the Union forces. He was taken as a prisoner to Richmond, Va., where he was put in Pemberton Crow's tobacco warehouse, being confined there for three months. In the spring he was taken to Andersonville, and remained in the terrible stockade there fourteen long months. At the time of General Sherman's famous march to the sea, the Confederate authorities became alarmed lest their prisoners fall into the hands of the noted Union general, and accordingly transferred them to different points, Mr. Murry being sent with a consignment to Lake City, Fla. Later he was sent to Baldwin, Fla., where he was released and told to make the best of his way back home. With no money, little clothing, and in wretched health, weary from long imprisonment, he made his way to a boat which took him to Annapolis, Md., and from that point proceeded to Washington, D. C., where he was paid off by the United States government, and returned to his home. He had served three years and eight months in the ranks of his country's fighters. After a short rest, in the spring of 1866 he became engaged in boating on the Pennsylvania canal. During the

next year he operated boats on his own account, and in 1868 became a railroad man. For one year he was a brakeman, then advanced to fireman, in which capacity he acted four years, and at the end of that time, by reason of his faithful and efficient service, was promoted to engineer, a position which he held for thirty years as one of his company's most valued and trusted employees. After serving as engineer of a passenger train for twenty-one years Mr. Murry retired, in 1908, and since that time has resided at his pleasant home, No. 119 Iron street, West Berwick.

Mr. Murry is a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and of Kingston Lodge, No. 395, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In political matters he is a Democrat. He now belongs to the Baptist Church of Berwick, was formerly a member of the church at Northumberland, Pa., and for a long term of years held the office of treasurer. He married Annetta Swank, daughter of William and Desire (Turner) Swank, and they became the parents of the following children: Evelyn, who married William Somers, resides in Bloomsburg, Pa.; Charles, who married Alice Bloom, also lives at that place; Edward makes his home in Berwick, Pa.; George is a resident of the Buckeye State; James Lowery married Harriet Hoover and lives in Nescopeck, Luzerne Co., Pa.; Pauline resides with her parents.

William Swank, father of Mrs. Murry, was born in Salem township, Luzerne county, and there received his education in the public schools. At the age of sixteen years he commenced operations on his own account, working among the farmers of his locality, and when he had accumulated enough means invested in a threshing outfit, which he worked for many years. Eventually he became one of the substantial men of his community, and died respected and esteemed by all who knew him. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and he and his wife, who died when Mrs. Murry was four years old, are buried at Beach Haven, Pa. His political views made him a Democrat. The children of William and Desire Swank were as follows: Mary Jane married Manas Remeally, and both are deceased; Celeste, deceased, was the wife of Sylvester Williams; Margaret married George Kishbaugh, and both are deceased; John married Mary Remeally, and both are deceased; Sarah is the widow of John Masters; Erastus died young; Joseph married Ellen Kishbaugh,

and both are deceased; Byron Elwood died when a child; Annetta married Mr. Murry.

Annetta (Swank) Murry, daughter of William Swank, was born March 10, 1855, in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa. She lost her mother when she was but four years of age, but was carefully reared and educated by her father, with whom she made her home until the time of her marriage to Mr. Murry. Like her husband she has a wide acquaintance in Berwick and the surrounding country, and is held in the highest regard by all with whom she has come into contact.

WILLARD G. FOWLER, who is conducting a plumbing and heating business at Berwick, was born in that place Aug. 20, 1873, son of Charles D. Fowler, and grandson of Gilbert H. Fowler.

The family is of English descent. Benjamin Fowler, the first ancestor of the family in Columbia county, came hither from Reading, Pa., soon after the close of the Revolutionary war. He was born in England, and as a boy entered the British army, being in many of the battles with the colonists, finally surrendering with Cornwallis at the battle of Yorktown. After that he went to the Wyoming valley, but meeting with a hostile reception changed his location to Reading. From there he came to Columbia county with packhorses, and located land in what is now Centre township, but after a short time was driven away by the Indians. He returned to Reading and there married, later coming back to Columbia county and making another attempt to establish a home. He and his wife lived and died here, and were buried in Briarcreek township, at the Stone Church.

Gilbert H. Fowler, son of Benjamin, was one of a family of nine children. He followed his father in the care and cultivation of the old farm, he and his brother William buying the place from their father in 1836. He was twice married and had ten children, Charles D. being one of this family. The father died March 24, 1873, at Elizabeth City, N. C., where he had gone for the sake of his health, and is buried in the Berwick cemetery.

Charles D. Fowler was born in Briarcreek township Aug. 26, 1835, and for a time was engaged in farming and teaming. Later he opened a furniture store, and subsequently conducted a plumbing and heating business in Berwick. He died Feb. 20, 1911, at the age of seventy-six years. His wife Susan A. (Williams) was born June 18, 1836, daughter of John H. Williams, a farmer of Briarcreek



township. Mrs. Fowler is still living with her son Willard G., at the age of seventy-eight years. These children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Fowler: Emma Florence, born April 22, 1863, is the widow of C. F. Finch, of Berwick; Charles E., born Jan. 30, 1867, died April 1, 1871; Blanche Victoria, born Aug. 23, 1869, is the wife of John Fox, of Bloomsburg; Willard G. is mentioned below; Sarah Maria, born Aug. 7, 1876, died March 24, 1886.

Willard G. Fowler was educated in the public schools and graduated from high school in 1892. While attending school he acted as assistant secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Berwick, under H. A. Lord, the secretary, beginning in 1890, and held the position until 1897. After his graduation he entered the store of Swazy & Bower as clerk, remaining with them for three years. He then took up electrical work and was in the business for two years, after which he worked at the plumbing and heating trades until 1899. From that date till the present time he has been in the business of plumbing, heating and wiring, making a specialty of fine sanitary fittings.

On Oct. 19, 1899, Mr. Fowler was united in marriage to Ann M., daughter of Alexander M. and Katherine Dupuy, natives of Shickshinny, Luzerne county, and descendants of the pioneers of that part of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler are members of the Methodist Church; he is secretary of the men's Bible class and member of the official board, while she is also interested strongly in the work of the church. He is a member of the Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A.; Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.; Berwick Council, No. 176, Royal Arcanum, and Susquehanna Commandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta.

ELMER KLINGER is well known to the citizens of Berwick, Pa., where he has spent the greater part of his life, connected with some of the great industries of the place. He was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., April 17, 1870, son of Gideon and Lydia (Varner) Klinger.

Gideon Klinger was born April 6, 1846, at Conyngham, Luzerne county, and there secured a common school education. In young manhood he adopted the vocation of agriculturist, which he followed in Salem township until coming to Berwick to become a wheel molder in the plant of Jackson & Woodin. Later he became a molder in the pipe factory, but resigned his position in 1894 or 1895

because of ill health, and since that time has lived retired. Mr. Klinger is a Democrat, but not a politician or an office seeker. He married Lydia Varner, daughter of Jonas and Elizabeth (Shaffer) Varner, of Salem township, and three children were born to this union: Calvin, who married Florence Davis; Effie May, who became the wife of C. E. Moore; and Elmer.

Elmer Klinger was still a small child when brought to Berwick, and here secured his education in the old academy and the Second street school, under Miss Sue Thompson and Professor Smith. In March, 1887, he laid aside his books and began his career as an employee of the Jackson & Woodin Company, in the pipe foundry, under George Moorehead, foreman, and H. F. Glenn, superintendent, remaining about two years. In 1889 Mr. Klinger was sent to the blacksmith shop as helper under William Boyles, foreman, remaining in that capacity seven years and then becoming timekeeper and shipping clerk for a like period. Following this he was made assistant foreman and timekeeper to Superintendent James Hempstead and Superintendent Frank Faust, and was subsequently transferred to the general office as clerk, taking charge of the quantity books in the mechanical department and remaining in that position for a period of six years. During about three and a half years he has been in the general office, and for the last one and a half years of this time has been in the export inspection department under J. J. McBride, which department comes under the New York office. Mr. Klinger has won consecutive promotion through faithful application to duty and well directed industry, combined with natural ability. He is respected and esteemed by his superiors and is known as one of his department's most valuable men.

On Nov. 12, 1891, Mr. Klinger was married to Jennie Harris, daughter of William S. and Martha J. (Tubbs) Harris, and two children have been born to this union: Martha May, born April 3, 1893, married Alexander J. McKechnie and has one son, Elmer John, born Sept. 21, 1913; Paul A. was born Feb. 15, 1895.

William Harris, the grandfather of Mrs. Klinger, was a farmer of Salem township, Luzerne county, and was married to a Miss Scott, by whom he had the following children: Philip; William S. and James, deceased; Jacob, deceased, who married Ella Keller; Mary, who married a Dreisbach, both deceased; Frances, who married Clark Fred-



ericci and (second) William Clewell—all deceased; and Lloyd and Floyd, also deceased.

William S. Harris, the father of Mrs. Klinger, was born on his father's farm in Salem township, Luzerne county, in 1845, and early in life adopted the vocation of agriculturist. In 1862 he enlisted for service in a Pennsylvania regiment of volunteers, fought gallantly through the Civil war, and upon his return at its close came to Berwick and secured employment in the wheel foundry of the Jackson & Woodin Company. He was a successful business man and highly esteemed citizen, and when he died, Feb. 12, 1879, left a wide circle of friends to mourn his loss. He was a Republican in politics. Mr. Harris married Martha J. Tubbs, who was born in 1846, daughter of Earl and Rebecca (Parkes) Tubbs, and they had the following children: William, who married Mamie Van Horne (deceased) and (second) Cordelia Van Horne; Daniel, who married Felicia Ann Keck; Earl; Elias, who married Elizabeth Blaine; Simon, who married Emma Crispell; Nathan, who married Emma Barlow; Jemima, who married Milo Hoyt; Martha, who married William Harris; Joseph, and Jennie.

Mr. Klinger is independent in his political views, preferring to use his own judgment in the choice of candidates best fitted for public service. He has acted acceptably in the capacities of auditor and register assessor, and at this time is overseer of the poor, in each of his offices displaying an appreciation of the duties and responsibilities of public position. He belongs to Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church at Berwick. A genial, jovial man, he enjoys the companionship of his fellows, and is a popular member of Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A.; Camp No. 10082, Modern Woodmen of America, and the American Service Union of New York, also holding membership in the Penn Mutual of Philadelphia. His acquaintance in Berwick is large and his friends numerous.

EDWARD SHAFFER, a tobacconist, of Bloomsburg, was born in that city April 25, 1874, son of Samuel Shaffer and grandson of Samuel Shaffer.

Samuel Shaffer, his great-grandfather, lived in Lewisburg, Pa., and was a cooper by trade. The family is of Scotch origin, but the time and circumstances of its foundation in this country are not really known. Samuel Shaffer had a large family, among them being: Jackson, Samuel, Dr. Wallace and Peggy (who married a Mr. Wallace).

Samuel Shaffer, son of Samuel, was born at Lewisburg, Pa., and learned the cooper's trade from his father, following it in what is now Montour county, Pa. Later he settled in Hemlock township, Columbia county, where he engaged in farming, and subsequently went to Bloom township, where he farmed until his death. He married Margaret Culp, a daughter of Peter Culp, of Montour county. They had children as follows: Mary, who married Michael Snyder; Jane, who married Benjamin Lee; Henry; Matthias; David; William; Samuel; John; Simon, and Charles.

Samuel Shaffer was born at Danville, Montour Co., Pa., Nov. 10, 1838, and in young manhood learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed at Bloomsburg, being thus engaged for fifty-five years. As the volume of his business required, he gave employment to from two to twelve men, and he built a number of the best residences of the city as well as some of the business houses, including the Farmers' National Bank building.

Samuel Shaffer married Catherine Zigler, a daughter of Daniel Zigler, and they had the following children: James; Charles; Edward; Harry; Boyd; Samuel; Fannie, who married Amos Melick; Emma J., who married Percy Johnson; and Margaret, who is at home.

Edward Shaffer, son of Samuel Shaffer, attended the local schools and learned the carpenter's trade with his father, working at it for some time. Later on, however, he engaged in various kinds of work until he embarked in his present business, now operating a tobacco and cigar store and billiard and pool rooms on Main street. His establishment is the best in the city, and is thoroughly modern in every way. He carries a full line of tobacco, cigars and smokers' supplies of all kinds, and caters to the very best trade. Mr. Shaffer has long been numbered among the progressive business men of Bloomsburg, and is popular in the local lodge of Elks, No. 436, to which he belongs, as well as with the people generally.

On Sept. 15, 1894, Mr. Shaffer married Jennie Smith, daughter of Prof. Freeman Smith, an alumnus of Poughkeepsie College. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have children as follows: Clark, Harold, Catherine, Albert and Ralph.

MRS. MARGARET R. GEISINGER, the present postmistress at Espy, Pa., is a descendant of the oldest families in the State on both sides of her ancestry. Her father, Herman G. Creveling, Esq., was descended from John

and Charity Creveling, members of the Society of Friends, who were pioneers in Scott township. On her husband's death she became postmistress, the position she now holds.

Herman G. Creveling was born May 19, 1826, near Espy, and was a son of Andrew and Rebecca (Waters) Creveling. He was educated at Espy and reared on a farm. He married three times, and by his first union, in 1847, to Margaret Hester Willett, daughter of Abraham Willett, had three children: Margaret R., Mrs. Geisinger; Ardelia E., wife of Emery Hagenbuch, of Light Street; and one child who died in infancy. His second wife was Louisa M. Kuhn, and they had one child, Cornelia, who died at the age of two years. Mr. Creveling's third marriage was to Mrs. Catherine Everitt, nee Ruckel, and they had one child, Clinton R., who is living at Espy. Mr. Creveling died in 1889.

DAVID GEISINGER, deceased, was born April 9, 1845, and died Dec. 17, 1892. He was interred in Almedia cemetery. From childhood he was obliged to make his way in the world unaided, and at the age of nineteen he enlisted in Company E, 16th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, serving until the close of the Civil war and receiving two severe wounds. In 1868 he married Elizabeth Buff, who died the same year, and on March 9, 1871, he married Mrs. Margaret R. (Creveling) Kisner, daughter of Herman G. Creveling and widow of Amos Y. Kisner, a veteran of the Civil war and a member of Company E, 209th Pennsylvania Volunteers. By her first husband Mrs. Geisinger had one child, Leroy, who died at the age of fourteen. By her second husband she had three children: Harold D., employed with George E. Elwell & Son, printers, of Bloomsburg; William H., who died young; and Ardelia E., a teacher of music at Berwick, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Geisinger was appointed postmistress at Espy in 1897 and has filled that position successfully since. She has the friendship and support of all who have had dealings with her. The office is in the fourth class.

GEORGE MILTON HENDRICKS, who for the last seven years has been yard clerk at the American Car and Foundry Company's plant at Berwick, was born Aug. 2, 1873, at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., a son of Samuel Shindle and Annie E. (Horning) Hendricks, grandson of Benjamin F. Hendricks and great-grandson of Samuel Hendricks.

Samuel Hendricks, great-grandfather of

George Milton Hendricks, was born near Norristown, Pa., in 1779, died July 26, 1826, and was buried at Salem, Pa. He attended school in Penn township, Union Co., Pa., and afterwards became a farmer. He married Elizabeth Dewees, who was born in 1790, in Chester county, and died Sept. 28, 1853, and her burial was at Pomfret Manor, Sunbury, Pa. Both were members of the Lutheran Church.

Benjamin Franklin Hendricks, son of Samuel and grandfather of George Milton Hendricks, was born in Snyder county, Pa., Sept. 26, 1811, and died Oct. 20, 1883, at Port Royal, Va. He was buried at Pomfret Manor, Sunbury, Pa. A man of great business enterprise, he owned a tannery at Sunbury, was an extensive real estate operator, and owned 400 acres of farm lands in Frederick county, Md. He was one of the early members of the Republican party and was active in public affairs, and socially he was a member of the Masonic fraternity. He married Anna Maria Shindle, who was born Sept. 21, 1816, a daughter of Rev. J. P. Shindle, and died Dec. 9, 1877. Like her husband she was of the Lutheran faith and was buried at Pomfret Manor, Sunbury, Pa. The following children were born to Benjamin Franklin and Anna Maria Hendricks: Samuel Shindle, born Dec. 18, 1835, died Feb. 7, 1890; William McClough, born Aug. 10, 1837, died June 11, 1875; Jacob, born July 22, 1839, died Nov. 20, 1911; Elizabeth Dewees, born July 27, 1841, married S. P. Overton; Martin Luther, born June 4, 1843, died June 11, 1911, married Amelia Bright; Susan Ann, born Feb. 16, 1845, died at Allentown, Pa., July 5, 1862; Louise Leisenring, born Dec. 29, 1847, married Milton Hemperly; Mary Sophia, born Oct. 23, 1849, died Dec. 11, 1906; Catherine Young, born Dec. 25, 1850, died May 21, 1872; Isaac Newton was born Dec. 24, 1853; John P. Shindle, born Sept. 6, 1855, died Aug. 22, 1892; Anna Maria was born Feb. 1, 1858. The family burying ground is at Pomfret Manor.

Samuel Shindle Hendricks, son of Benjamin Franklin and father of George Milton Hendricks, was born at Sunbury, Northumberland Co., Pa., Dec. 18, 1835. In youth he attended the district schools and also an academy at Sunbury, afterwards working on a farm and also running a tannery for his grandfather. He was a Republican and for a time had charge of the mail route between Sunbury and Hazleton and was continued in office until the change in the administration, in 1882. After retiring from office he worked at cabi-

netmaking until the close of his life, his death occurring Feb. 7, 1890. He was buried in the Sunbury cemetery. He married Annie E. Horning, who was born July 18, 1837, and died Dec. 13, 1880, and was buried in the Sunbury cemetery. She was a daughter of Jacob Horning (formerly an attorney connected with the Union county bar at New Berlin) and was educated in the Union Seminary at New Berlin, Pa. Both she and husband were members of the Lutheran Church, and he was a member of the Masonic fraternity. They had the following children: William B., born May 10, 1855, married Annie Harris, and died April 25, 1884 (he was buried in Pomfret Manor); Alice M., born Aug. 2, 1857, died June 21, 1858; Ella A., born May 6, 1859, attended the Sunbury high school; Martin Luther, born Nov. 16, 1861, is a railroad employee in the ticket office at Sunbury; Susan Ann, born July 13, 1864, died Dec. 27, 1881, and was buried in the Sunbury cemetery; Elizabeth, born Nov. 11, 1866, died Dec. 26, 1900, and was buried at Pomfret Manor (she was educated in the Sunbury high school and the New England Conservatory of Music); Joseph Edwin, born Feb. 16, 1870, a railroad telegrapher, married May Taylor; George Milton is a resident of Berwick.

George Milton Hendricks, son of Samuel S. and Annie E. (Horning) Hendricks, was educated in the public schools of his native city, Sunbury. When yet a youth he secured employment as night telephone operator at Sunbury and shortly afterwards obtained a clerical position in the engine house of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Nescopeck, which he held for fifteen years. He then accepted his present position with the American Car and Foundry Company, his long and continuous services in these offices indicating his dependable qualities. Mr. Hendricks has had neither time nor inclination for public office, but is nevertheless deeply interested in the public welfare. He casts his vote with the Progressive party. Reared in the Lutheran faith, he belongs to a church of that denomination. He is a member of the Berwick Beneficial Association.

On Aug. 12, 1898, Mr. Hendricks was united in marriage with Ida J. Frey, and they have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who was born Sept. 15, 1899.

Charles Franklin Frey, father of Mrs. Ida J. (Frey) Hendricks, was a farmer in Nescopeck township, Luzerne Co., Pa. He married Delphine Girard, and they had the fol-

lowing children: Mary Elizabeth, born March 5, 1875, died young and was buried at Montreal; Ida J. is the wife of George Milton Hendricks; Adora, born April 20, 1879, married Harry Snyder, and they reside in Berwick; Walter, born in May, 1886, died very young and was buried in the cemetery at Three Churches, Nescopeck; Henry Charles, born March 25, 1880, married Grace Lowery; Lyman, born Sept. 4, 1884, is unmarried and lives at Berwick; Asa Fillmore, born Nov. 25, 1888, is unmarried and lives at Altoona, Pa.; Oziel, born March 7, 1891, a resident of Berwick, is unmarried; Esther Zola, born June 25, 1893, died young and was buried at Three Churches.

Ida J. Frey, daughter of Charles and Delphine (Girard) Frey, was born in Nescopeck township, Luzerne Co., Pa., Feb. 10, 1877. She was reared there and graduated from the township schools, and afterwards, until her marriage on Aug. 12, 1898, engaged in dress-making.

RICHARD B. ANGELL, the oldest living employee in the plant of the American Car and Foundry Company at Bloomsburg, Pa., was born in Buffalo, N. Y., son of George and Elizabeth Angell. His father came from England, and his mother was a native of this country.

George Angell was a Democrat and a member of the Episcopal Church. He and his wife had children: Richard B.; Mary Ann, residing in Geneva, N. Y.; Francis, a musician, residing in New York City; and George, who lived in Ohio, and died in Geneva, N. Y. (he was a natural musician).

Richard B. Angell received a common school education and inherited a talent for music from his father. In 1871 he entered the employ of Robbins Brothers, who owned the plant now operated by the American Car and Foundry Company, at Bloomsburg, and in 1873 he changed to the machine shop of Lockard Brothers, where he worked until 1898, when the business was bought by the Jackson & Woodin Company. They retained him for two years, and when the American Car and Foundry Company bought this shop the company continued him in their employ. He was for a time in the machine shop, and was then made storekeeper. As the duties became heavier and he advanced in years the company offered to retire him on a pension, but he refused and has continued in the active life to which he has been accustomed, the company making him assistant storekeeper,

which position he holds at this time. There is no man in the employ of the company better or more favorably known than Mr. Angell. His careful attention to duty, faithfulness and honesty are recognized alike by employers and fellow workmen. He takes a keen interest in all civil and religious matters in Bloomsburg and enjoys the respect and esteem of his townsmen. It is such men as Mr. Angell, who make the interests of their employers their own, who contribute to the success of any enterprise with which they are connected.

Mr. Angell was first married in 1870 to Estelle, daughter of John Ludlow, of Scranton, Pa., and in 1888 to Marietta E. Lynn. He and his wife are members of the Reformed Church. He is a Democrat in politics, but independent on important questions.

DANIEL E. FEGLEY, proprietor of Fegley's cafe, at Catawissa, was born in Cooper township, Montour Co., Pa., Sept. 18, 1870, son of Samuel Fegley and grandson of John Fegley, a miller, of Helfenstein, Pa. They are descendants of Bernhard Fegley, a native of Switzerland.

Bernhard Fegley, the first of the line in this country, came to Pennsylvania in its earliest days, locating in Montgomery county, near East Greenville. No further record is found of him except that of his death, which occurred in 1782 in Longswamp township, Berks county. Of his son, Peter, there is also no definite record save that he was born in Montgomery county and settled in Douglass township, where he died. The name Fegley has been translated into the English form of Bird, and is borne by many persons in New Jersey, descended from the same ancestor, Bernhard Fegley.

John Fegley, son of Peter and grandfather of Daniel E., moved from Berks county and settled in Helfenstein, Pa., where he ran a fulling mill. Later he moved to Roaringcreek, Columbia county, where he ran a fulling mill and sawmill. His death occurred at Helfenstein. He had seven children, Eliza, Ella, Anna, Lelia, Samuel, Nathaniel and John.

Samuel Fegley was born in Catawissa township, Columbia county, Sept. 14, 1847, attended the public schools, and as he developed into manhood became a stonemason and plasterer. All of his life was spent at his trade, and he now lives at Catawissa, retired from the labors and hardships of a life of usefulness and merit. He married Elizabeth Baylor, who died Dec. 21, 1908, and they had children as follows: Daniel E.; Cora, wife of Sey-

mour Berkheimer; Harry; Elizabeth; Alonzo; Clark; Sadie, wife of Frank Fleming; Hattie, wife of Robert Farley; Mary; Samuel; and Eugene.

Daniel E. Fegley attended public school in Montour county and followed farming for seven years, after which he worked at the trade of plasterer for two years. As time passed he saw an opening in the livery business and at once entered it, conducting a stable for fourteen years. For a time he was employed as a railroad man and in 1907 he opened the restaurant at Catawissa which he now conducts. He has a good location, and commands a fine trade among the residents of Catawissa and surrounding county.

On Oct. 30, 1891, Mr. Fegley married Hannah Walter, daughter of William Walter, and they have seven children: Charles E., Annie, Lawrence, Lester, Paul, Lee and James. Mr. Fegley is a Democrat in politics, and has served as constable for seven years.

HENRY S. KECK, a retired farmer, now living at Berwick, Columbia county, was born in Fairmount township, Luzerne Co., Pa., Aug. 13, 1847, son of Peter and Julia (Kline-tob) Keck.

Solomon Keck, his paternal grandfather, was of German ancestry. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. In the early part of 1790 he came to Luzerne county from Allentown, Pa., bought a farm near Nescopeck, and followed agricultural pursuits to the end of his life. He married Catherine Henry.

Peter Keck, son of Solomon and Catherine (Henry) Keck, was born at Nescopeck, Luzerne Co., Pa., in 1809. During his earlier years he engaged in farming and afterwards was variously occupied, for many years serving in public offices. He assisted in the construction of the old Pennsylvania canal. At one time he was postmaster at Fairmount, Luzerne county, and served three years in the office of tax collector of Fairmount township. He was one of the early mail carriers between Berwick and the smaller towns and probably was as well known as any man of his day in this section. In politics he was a Republican. He lived to extreme old age, retaining all his faculties until he was one hundred years old, his death occurring two years later at the home of his son, Christopher Keck. In 1883 he came to live in Berwick, and at the time of his death, Dec. 31, 1910, was the oldest person in this region. For many years he had been a member of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church. He married Julia Kline-

tob, who was born in Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., daughter of Christopher and Catherine (Hettler) Klinetob.

Christopher Klinetob was of German ancestry and was one of the pioneer settlers in Salem township, Luzerne county, where he followed farming all through his active life, surviving to the age of ninety years. He married Catherine Hettler and she also lived to old age, being ninety-six years old at the time of her death.

Mrs. Julia (Klinetob) Keck died in 1872, the mother of seven children: Catherine, who resides near Shickshinny, Luzerne county, is the widow of John Richard; Nathaniel lives in Luzerne county; Philissa Ann, who is a resident of Wilkes-Barre, is the widow of Daniel Tubbs, who was a veteran of the Civil war; Christopher is a resident of Salem township, Luzerne county; William and Mary Ann are deceased. Henry S. was the second youngest.

Henry S. Keck was reared on the home farm and attended the local schools during his boyhood. For twenty years he was engaged in farming in Columbia county, and still owns his farm property. In 1890 he moved to Berwick, where he served in the office of street commissioner. Later he embarked in a transfer business, continuing in the same line, more or less, until his retirement in 1912, at which time he was appointed janitor of the Chestnut street public school, the duties of which position were not onerous and served to occupy the time of a man who had been active all his life and to whom idleness did not appeal. He held this position about one year.

In 1872 Mr. Keck was united in marriage with Desiah Turner, who was born in Luzerne county, a daughter of John and Sybil (Seybert) Turner. The father of Mrs. Keck was a farmer in Luzerne county all his life and both he and his wife died there. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Keck: John Franklin is deceased; Gilbert, who is a business man of Berwick, married Susan White, who was born in Columbia county and is now deceased; Arthur, who carries on his father's farm in Columbia county, married Louise Grassley, and they have four sons, Frederick, Doyle, Donald and Homer; Peter is a farmer in Canada; Blanche is deceased.

In politics Mr. Keck has always been identified with the Republican party. He did his part in giving assistance to the administration during the Civil war, and one of his brothers, Christopher Keck, served all through the pro-

tracted struggle and was injured by a gunshot wound through his left lung.

Mr. and Mrs. Keck are members of the Evangelical Church, and he has frequently served in church offices.

HERMAN R. LEGIEN. The great industries of any section depend for their continuance and prosperity on the united and intelligent efforts of the men who carry on the various departments, and when one individual is advanced beyond another it is quite sure to be because of his capacity and technical knowledge. For twenty-five years, off and on, Herman R. Legien has been identified with the car building industry at Berwick, and in his present position of assistant foreman in the passenger car department of the American Car and Foundry Company occupies a place of much responsibility. He was born Oct. 14, 1872, in the Rhine Province, Prussia, Germany, son of Herman R. Legien, with whom he came to the United States in 1874.

Herman R. Legien, Sr., the father, was born in the north of Germany, May 21, 1837. He had much natural ability, and attended school at Koenigsburg, and graduated from a college with qualifications for a professional life. His tastes, however, led him to learn the millwright's trade, and he operated gristmills, and also made a business of figuring on the construction of canals and other large jobs, in his native land. He served as a soldier in 1866, in the Austrian war, and also as a soldier through the Franco-Prussian war, taking part in the siege of Paris. In 1874 he came to America, where his brother Rudolph also settled, the latter serving as a soldier in the Civil war; he was treated in and discharged from a hospital in Ohio. Herman R. Legien followed his trade of millwright through Sullivan county, Pa., where he first settled, and in Bradford and Columbia counties, this State. He had three children: Herman R.; Robert, who married Ida Smethers; and Emel.

Herman R. Legien, his father's namesake, was but two years old when the family came to the United States. He attended school at Summerhill, in Briarcreek township, Columbia county. His first place of employment, in 1889, was in the foundry and the freight car department of the Jackson & Woodin plant at Berwick, where he continued for two years, in the meanwhile pursuing his studies by himself and securing a first-grade certificate, which entitled him to teach school. In 1904 Mr. Legien went back to the passenger car

department and was foreman under James Chamberlain. He helped to construct the first steel passenger car turned out by the American Car and Foundry Company, and since 1904 has been assistant foreman in the passenger car department.

Mr. Legien was married in 1897 to Emma Michael, daughter of Adam and Mary Jane (Bower) Michael, of Briar Creek, Columbia county. They have one son, Paul Donald, who was born at Berwick May 18, 1898. Mrs. Legien was born at Summerhill on her father's farm in Briarcreek township, and was educated in the Miller school.

Stephen Michael, grandfather of Mrs. Legien, was born in Beaver valley in 1819, and died at Berwick in 1911, living to the age of ninety-two years. His business throughout his active life, which continued until 1894, when he retired, was farming, and he owned 300 acres of valuable land, all cleared and under cultivation. He was one of the early settlers in Beaver Valley and became one of the substantial men there. He married Sarah Gensil, and they had children as follows: Adam, who married Mary Jane Bower; Gideon, who married Della Doak; Jane, who married G. B. W. Hosler; Obet, who married Ida Merkel; W. Ellis, a physician, who married Laura McHenry; Anna, who married Dr. G. B. Klinetob; David, who married Emma Shaffer; and Lydia, who married George Smith. The parents of this family were among the early members and supporters of the Beaver Valley Evangelical Church. Stephen Michael was a Democrat in politics and probably held local office. He and his wife were buried in the Summerhill cemetery, in Briarcreek township.

Adam Michael, eldest son of Stephen, was born in Beaver Valley, and later, perhaps about the time of his marriage to Mary Jane Bower, moved to Summerhill, Columbia county. Like his father he also was an agriculturist, and owned eighty acres of well improved land. He retired from active labor in 1904. In politics he always supported the principles and candidates of the Democratic party, and he and his wife were consistent members of the Evangelical Church. The family is one held in high regard all over the county. The children born to Adam Michael and his wife were: Matilda, wife of Freeman Harmon; Norah, wife of Charles E. Sitler; George, who married Mattie Brown; William, deceased; Warren, who married Bessie Stackhouse; Morris, who married Dora Schultz; Ray, who married Lillian Beishline;

Clarke, who died young; and Emma, who is the wife of Herman R. Legien.

Mr. and Mrs. Legien are members of the Evangelical Church. He ~~was~~ reared in the Democratic party and has always supported its principles, but has been no seeker for office. He has been quite active in the fraternal order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Berwick Lodge, No. 246, of which he is a past grand, and he has served as representative of his lodge to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

LORENZO D. ROHRBACH, a prominent farmer of Franklin township, Columbia county, was born Jan. 21, 1860, son of William and Lavina (Startzler) Rohrbach, and is a descendant of an old German family who were among the first settlers of this section of the State.

William Rohrbach, father of Lorenzo D., was born in Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 29, 1816, son of Jacob and Mary (Fenstamecher) Rohrbach, natives of Berks county, Pa. His grandfather, Lorenzo, came from Germany in youth, settled in Berks county, and served in the Revolutionary war. He was an iron worker, and operated one of the old-time forges then in use. His age was 105 at his death, and his wife died in her ninety-eighth year. Jacob Rohrbach, son of Lorenzo, was born in Berks county in 1781, and died in his seventy-fourth year. He was a farmer and came to Catawissa township, Columbia county, in 1817.

William Rohrbach remained on his father's farm until his marriage, working at his trade of tailor. He followed lumbering for a number of years, built a sawmill, and cleared land, which he later farmed. He died Oct. 28, 1897. He and his wife had eight children: Margaret, wife of John Ashworth; Lorenzo D.; Lydia, wife of Ervin Vought; Mary C.; Lavina L.; William E.; Harriet A., wife of Charles Reigel; and Zenith S.

Lorenzo D. Rohrbach worked on his father's land until he was twenty-one and then began to farm on shares. After two years he purchased the Rheuben Regal farm of 109 acres, and added to it twenty-one acres from the Samuel Loreman estate. This he is now cultivating and has greatly improved it. Mr. Rohrbach is engaged in truck farming, finding his market at Mount Carmel and Shamokin. He is interested in the culture of peaches and apples, and is a student of the modern methods of farming. Politically he is a Democrat, in religion a member of the Methodist Church.

On April 2, 1882, Mr. Rohrbach married Josephine, daughter of Rheuben Regal, and they have had five children: Bessie L., wife of Charles Feltman; Grace and Delphine, deceased; and Mae and Adlar C., living at home.

ISAAC MOWREY was one of the successful farmers of Montour township, Columbia county, residing in the section called "Dutch Valley," where he owned a tract of fifty-six acres of very fertile land. His paternal great-grandfather was a native of Germany, and located probably in Montgomery county, Pa., where his son Peter, the grandfather of Isaac Mowrey, was born. Peter Mowrey removed from his birthplace to Seneca Lake, N. Y., where he died. He had seven children: Peter, John, Jacob, Joseph, Isaac, Christina and Elizabeth.

John Mowrey, born in Montgomery county, came to Montour (then Northumberland) county, Pa., in 1820. He was a stonemason, and he purchased a partially improved farm, built a fine stone and brick house on it, and began to mine the ore which underlaid the land. He became very prosperous and was a prominent citizen in his time. He married Catherine, daughter of Jacob Wireman, of Montgomery county, and they were the parents of nine sons and four daughters: Jonas, Charles, Mary, William, Henry, Peter, Jacob, Isaac, Elizabeth, John, Michael S., Sarah and Catherine.

Isaac Mowrey was educated in the country schools of his time, and as all his ancestors were farmers, he took naturally to agricultural life. Until 1851 he cultivated the ground, and in that year began working in the iron mines of this section, continuing thus for three years. Then he moved to Columbia county and purchased the farm where his widow lived until her death, March 21, 1913. His death occurred Oct. 31, 1910, and he was buried in the cemetery of the Lazarus (St. Peter's) Lutheran Church, of which in later life he was a member. Previous to joining this church he had assisted in its construction. In 1854 he married Eleanora, daughter of John G. and Mary (Kocher) Yost, and they had four children: George Y.; Olevia, who died young; Mary Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Daniel E. Heberling, and had three children, Eleanora, Bertha May and Pearl E.; and Lloyd Franklin, general passenger agent of the Burlington route at Denver, Colo., who married Hattie R. Bidelman and has had two children, R. Blair (deceased) and Lloyd Glen.

Mrs. Eleanora Mowrey resided on a part of

the old homestead in Montour township. She was born Dec. 5, 1836, in Northampton county, Pa., about six miles from Easton, at a place called the "Pond," and came to this section in a "prairie schooner" with her parents when she was but six weeks old. With the Yosts came also the family of Charles Peifer, now living in this region. From the time of her arrival here Mrs. Mowrey was never away from the old homestead, and she spent her declining years there with her granddaughter, Pearl E., who is a graduate of the 1908 class of the Bloomsburg State Normal School and now engaged as a stenographer. Mrs. Mowrey was a charter member of the Lazarus Lutheran Church, built in 1857, and always took an active interest in the welfare of the organization.

GEORGE YOST MOWREY was born on the old homestead, Oct. 13, 1855, and attended the public schools, graduating from the State Normal at Bloomsburg. For ten years he taught school, six years in his native town and four years in Cooper township, Montour county. He then took up the occupation of farming, to which he devoted his entire time and energies, in 1880 taking charge of the farm of his father-in-law, Henry Lazarus, which he controlled until 1911, when he purchased the valuable farm on the road between Bloomsburg and Danville, in the "Dutch Valley" settlement, where he now lives. Here he built a gristmill, and combines the occupations of farmer and miller.

In 1878 Mr. Mowrey married Elizabeth J. Lazarus, daughter of Henry and Anna (Mauser) Lazarus. She died in February, 1912, at the age of fifty-five years. They had four children: (1) Guy A., who is a graduate of the State Normal School, a school teacher and a skilled woodworker, in 1913 purchased the old Mowrey homestead, where he now resides, engaged in farming; he married Mary Conway, of Riverside, Northumberland Co., Pa. (2) Ursa V. is married to Cleveland Boyer and resides at home with her father. (3) Dora S. and (4) Ruth E. are at home.

Mr. Mowrey is a Democrat and has served on the school board for fifteen years. He is a member of the State Grange. He is an elder, deacon and trustee of the Lutheran Church, of which he has been a member for forty-one years, and is superintendent of the Sunday school, which position he has held for the last twenty-three years.

CLARENCE J. HOPPES, a reliable citizen and well known business man of Berwick, who for a number of years has been connected



*Geo B Mowrey*





with the American Car and Foundry Company, was born at Berwick Dec. 25, 1872. He is a son of Elias and Mary Kramer (Smith) Hoppes.

Elias Hoppes was born near Shickshinny, Pa., March 10, 1837. After attending the common schools he was engaged as a teamster for the Jackson & Woodin Company, at Berwick, and also worked at the Foundryville plant of Jackson & Woodin. At present he is a police officer for their successors, the American Car and Foundry Company, in the plant at Berwick. He married Mrs. Mary (Kramer) Smith, widow of Hiram Smith and daughter of Alexander and Parmelia Kramer, who had the following children: Albert, who married and had children: Mary, Abram, Andrew, John, Alfred, Josephine and Parmelia; Lucinda, who married a Snyder and had Mary, Vincent, William, Albert (whose children are Myrtle, Joletta, Lee and Lloyd) and Emma (who married a Swank and had two children, Lloyd and Charles); and Mary, who first married Hiram Smith, to which marriage were born Eliza, Mary, Charles, David (who married and had a son Edward), Frank (who married and had Lilly and Mary), and Daniel (who married and had Clinton and Bessie). The second marriage of Mary was to Elias Hoppes, and they had children as follows: George T.; Maud, who married George Schrader; Jennie, who married Reuben Craver; Hanley, deceased, who was buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick; Clarence J.; Elizabeth; and Sterling, who married Fannie Frey.

Clarence J. Hoppes obtained a public school education at Berwick, attending the Market street school. During 1886-87 he learned painting and was employed under Colonel Seely in the paint department of the Jackson & Woodin Company, continuing there until 1896.

An earnest church worker and a serious thinker on religious subjects, it was in this year that both he and wife became impressed with convictions that led them to unite in the missionary work being done by the Volunteers of America, and during 1896-97-98-99 they traveled as missionaries over a wide extent of country, the work taking them to Philadelphia, Norristown and other places in the State, and to Bound Brook, N. J. Mr. Hoppes' health failing, he decided to return to Berwick. Coming back in the latter part of 1899, he entered the paint department of the American Car and Foundry Company. On July 12, 1912, he went into the passenger coach depart-

ment, of which he was made assistant foreman. Being thoroughly acquainted with the details of the business and reliable in every way, the company has more than once sent him as representative to New York City.

Mr. Hoppes was united in marriage with Jessie Gordner, who was born Jan. 29, 1872, a daughter of Jonathan R. and Sarah Jane (Zehner) Gordner, of Jordan township, Lycoming county. They have one son, Gordner Elias, born Nov. 7, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Hoppes are members of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church. He votes with the Prohibition party and has served the city in the office of register assessor. He is identified with Washington Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A.

Jonathan R. Gordner, father of Mrs. Hoppes, was born June 3, 1819, in Jordan township, Lycoming Co., Pa., and attended the public schools. For some years he operated a farm of eighty acres. After the death of his first wife he came to Berwick and for a time was engaged in the huckstering business, following which he began the manufacture of Dr. Gordner's Cough Syrup and Indian Compound, and traveled extensively through the country selling the same. He died in Berwick Aug. 5, 1891, and his burial was at Summerhill. On Feb. 25, 1841, he married Mrs. Ellen McCarty, and they had three children: John William, born Oct. 8, 1841, married Mary Smith; Elizabeth Jane, born Aug. 26, 1843, married Oliver Clewell; Mary Catherine was born Jan. 22, 1846. The mother is buried in Jordan township, Lycoming county. On March 9, 1848, Mr. Gordner married Sophia Zehner, and the following children were born to them: Sarah Ann, Nov. 2, 1848; Ellen Josephine, July 1, 1850 (married Harry Fetterolf, of Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y.); Cordelia Alice, June 28, 1854 (married Wilson Deitterick); George Zehner, Aug. 4, 1857; and Daniel Theodore, June 23, 1859. All but Mrs. Fetterolf have now passed away and are buried in Jordan township. The second wife died and is buried at Summerhill, Briarcreek township. On June 11, 1861, Mr. Gordner married Sarah J. Zehner (a sister of his second wife), who was born Sept. 30, 1833, and died Oct. 18, 1912. She is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick. The children of this union were as follows: Anna May is the wife of Frank B. Fowler, and they have two children, Frederick and Paul (married Margaret Sult); Belle is the wife of Charles Stout, and has one child, Lily (who married Arthur E. Edburgh and has one child, Karl); Ida

Lilly is the wife of J. Gross Meyer, a druggist of Wilkes-Barre; Irvin married May Sitter and they have two children, Maud (who married Ernest Hicks and has one child, Thurley) and Frederick (deceased); Jessie B. is the wife of Clarence J. Hoppes.

JOHN JOSEPH DUGGAN, an employee of the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick, was born Nov. 14, 1883, at Ivy, Albemarle Co., Va., son of Patrick L. Duggan.

Patrick L. Duggan was born in Ireland, where he was educated, and coming to the United States in young manhood located first at Germantown, Pa., but later went to Ivy, Va., where he became an overseer on the Joseph T. Lee general farm, retaining that position for a number of years. Subsequently he engaged in a general store and hotel business, but died a few months thereafter, being taken down with pneumonia. He married Mary Ellen Moran, who was also born in Ireland, and died at the age of forty-two years. Their children were: Mary married Charles F. Schoder, of South Easton, Pa.; Catherine resides at Philadelphia; Margaret married M. J. Giboney, a letter carrier, of Phillipsburg, N. J.; Annie married George Ewadinger, of South Easton, Pa.; Nora resides at Richmond, Va.; John J. is next in the family; Patrick is foreman of the silk mills at Pen Argyl, Pa.; Florence resides at South Easton, Pa. After the death of Patrick L. Duggan his widow carried on the business until her death. Politically he was a Democrat. Both were consistent members of the Roman Catholic Church of Charlottesville, Va., and are buried in St. Paul's Episcopal cemetery at Ivy, Virginia.

John Joseph Duggan attended the public schools of Ivy until he was eleven years old, when he entered St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Orphanage, at Roanoke, Va., where he remained until seventeen years of age. At that time he left the orphanage, and going to Phillipsburg, N. J., began learning the tin-smith's trade, at which he served an apprenticeship of three years. After finishing his apprenticeship with Pursel & Brant he remained with that firm for a year longer, and then entered the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at Lambertsville, as an iron worker in the shops. After six months he went to Easton, Pa., where he spent six months, being in the shop of Stephen Nagle. Following that he came to Berwick and went into the steel passenger car department of the American Car and Foundry Company, where he has been employed for ten years. At first

he worked under Wilson Yeager, being later under Harry Ent and William Jarrard.

John J. Duggan married Grace May Beach, and they have one son, Donald Francis, who was born Dec. 22, 1911. Politically Mr. Duggan is a Democrat. He is a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Berwick, and he also belongs to the German Roman Catholic Knights of St. George, No. 181, of which organization he is president. He is a member of the National Protective Legion, No. 1436, of which he is a past president; of Pewaukee Tribe, No. 240, Independent Order of Red Men; and of Berwick Aerie, No. 1281, Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which he is past worthy president, had been trustee, and is now serving as secretary. Mr. Duggan also served one year as president of the Eagles' Home Club. In religious connection he is a member of the parish of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Berwick, which he is serving as auditor.

Grace May Beach, wife of John Joseph Duggan, was born in Canton township, Bradford Co., Pa., March 31, 1887, a daughter of Gurden G. Beach, and granddaughter of Erastus Beach. She was educated at Athens, Pa. Like her husband she is a member of the National Protective Legion, No. 1436.

Erastus Beach was born about 1823, and died in Burlington township, Bradford Co., Pa., in 1882, when fifty-nine years old. He was educated in Bradford county, where he learned farming and later carpentering and also became a stonemason, and followed all three callings. Mr. Beach married Elizabeth Griswold, a daughter of Horace and Hannah (Stone) Griswold, the latter of whom lived to be ninety-seven years old. Erastus Beach and his wife had the following family: Adelbert, who was married three times, his first wife being Almedia Hoagland, and the third survives him and makes her home in New York State; Adelen, who married Lewis Carl, and lives in Lycoming county, Pa.; Jessie; Helen, who married George Kilmer, and lives in Lycoming county; Gurden G.; and Luella, who died young. The family homestead comprised forty-five acres, and on it the above mentioned children were reared. Erastus Beach was a Republican and active in the ranks of his party. The Methodist Church of Leroy held his membership and he gave it loyal support, holding all of the church offices and contributing generously to its good work. He and his wife are interred in the East Canton burial grounds in Bradford county.

Gurden G. Beach, who was born Sept. 11, 1857, in Leroy township, Bradford Co., Pa., was educated in his native locality, and until he attained his majority assisted his father on the farm and worked among the neighbors. He then learned to be a tanner, and worked at that trade until he began farming as a tenant seven years later. For five years he continued as a tenant in Bradford county, at the end of that time coming to Berwick, where he now resides, being labor boss in the wood shop of the American Car and Foundry Company. He organized a lodge of the National Protective Legion at Berwick, and is active in its operation.

Gurden G. Beach married Emma Hoagland, born in Leroy township, Bradford Co., Pa., July 17, 1857, a daughter of Carpenter and Jane (Riggs) Hoagland, and they are the parents of the following children: Merton L., who married Caroline Jones, of Athens, Pa.; Grace May, who married John Joseph Duggan; and Clyde C., at home, who married Mattie Smith, of Nescopeck. Mr. Beach is a Prohibitionist and very active in supporting the principles of that party. Calvary Methodist Church of West Berwick holds his membership, and he is serving as a trustee at present, and is president of the Bible class.

Joseph Hoagland, grandfather of Mrs. Beach, was a farmer of Sullivan county, Pa., and married Hannah McMullen. They had the following children: Carpenter; Patricia, who married Jesse McCarty—both deceased; Charles, who married Dorothy Bloom; Samuel; Hannah, who married Alfred Fellows—both deceased; Susan, who married Christopher Wilcox—both deceased; Ellis; and Nancy, who married George Vroman. In religious belief the father was a Quaker.

Carpenter Hoagland was born in Sullivan county, Pa., Oct. 17, 1817, and died in his seventy-seventh year. He was educated in his native county and learned farm work in boyhood. Later he learned to be a plasterer, and moving to Bradford county bought a farm of fifty acres which he operated until thirty years before his death. He then resumed work at his trade, so continuing until stricken with asthma, which invalidated him for a number of years before death claimed him.

Carpenter Hoagland married Jane Riggs, who was born July 7, 1824, and died in her seventy-seventh year. Her mother's maiden name was Susan Van Fleet. Carpenter Hoagland and his wife had the following children: Deborah Anne, born July 26, 1843, died Aug. 5, 1843; Lucinda, born Sept. 27, 1844, mar-

ried Daniel A. Fitzwater, of Bradford county; Seymour D., born Jan. 22, 1850, married Mary M. Kelly, of Bradford county; Charles O., born April 26, 1853, married Luella Tillotson, of Leroy, Pa.; Emma married Gurden G. Beach. Carpenter Hoagland and his wife are buried in Beach Flats cemetery, Bradford county. He was a Republican and an active worker in his party, and held all of the township offices. Fraternally he was an Odd Fellow. The Methodist Church held his membership and received his active support.

Mrs. Emma (Hoagland) Beach was educated in Leroy township, Bradford Co., Pa., and remained at home until her marriage. She belongs to Calvary Methodist Church of West Berwick.

JOHN DEILY, superintendent of the Bloomsburg fair grounds, was born at Allentown, Pa., Aug. 2, 1833, son of John Deily, and grandson of Daniel Deily.

Daniel Deily was born in Germany, came to the United States in young manhood, and settling in Lehigh county, Pa., became one of the early residents of Allentown, where he died after a useful life as a farmer. His children were: Daniel, David and John.

John Deily, son of Daniel Deily, was born in Allentown, Pa., and was a farmer all his life. He brought his family to Columbia county, buying a farm on Roaring creek, in the township of that name, and there died; he was buried in Numidia cemetery. John Deily married Susan Housinick, and they had the following children: Isabella, Phenis, Priscilla, Susan, John, Abel, Hannah, Sarah, Asa and Annie Maria.

John Deily was only a child when his father came to Columbia county, and he remained at home until he was eighteen years old, in the spring of 1850 coming to Bloomsburg to work for Eli Barton, of Montour township, with whom he remained about eight years. He then began farming, renting the Barton farm for thirty-five years. Then he rented the Pete Evans property in Hemlock township, came to Bloomsburg once more, and after a year rented Dr. Mifflin's farm in Bloom township, which he operated for six years. Returning to Bloomsburg once more he has since 1901 been the superintendent of the Bloomsburg fair grounds. His comfortable residence is at No. 546 West Main street.

Mr. Deily married Mary Shrock, and they had children as follows: William, who married Alvena Fausey, lives in Bloomsburg; Samuel A. died in California; Delilah, who

married Frank Eyerly, is now a widow residing in Bloomsburg; Isaiah, who married Anna Russel, lives in Bloomsburg; Anna, who married Charles Knecht, lives at Beach Haven, Pa. After the death of his first wife Mr. Deily married (second) Mrs. Eliza B. (Appelman) Diehl, widow of George E. Diehl, and she died May 31, 1892, aged forty-four years, nine months, six days. Both wives are buried in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg.

Mr. Deily is a Republican and has served as a member of the city council of Bloomsburg. The Lutheran Church holds his membership and has in him a conscientious supporter. Having worked hard all his life and practiced thrift when it was needed, it is a pleasure to Mr. Deily to realize that he has accomplished a good deal and that he stands well with his associates.

THOMAS ROY HARDER was born Feb. 22, 1874, in Catawissa, and obtained his education in the public schools of that borough. He learned the painter's trade, but became a railroad man by preference, being now one of the most popular conductors on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad.

George Giger, great-grandfather of Thomas R. Harder, was of German parentage and birth. He married Margaret Stratton, and their children were: Mascal, George, Edward, John, Maria, Harriet and Rebecca (Mrs. Parker, of Mahanoy City).

Washington Harder, grandfather of Thomas R., married Mary Meyers McAllister, who was born Sept. 14, 1811, and died Dec. 14, 1849. Their children were: Charles B., born in 1841; Thomas Err, Dec. 15, 1842; George H., March 22, 1845; Mary Rebecca, Dec. 28, 1849; Sarah Jane, Dec. 14, 1847. Mr. Harder was a wagonmaker by trade and a Republican in politics.

George Hughes Harder, father of Thomas R., was born March 22, 1845, and died March 9, 1906. He was a painter by trade and the first chief of police of Catawissa. At the beginning of the Civil war he enlisted in the 132d Pennsylvania Volunteers, and after his discharge reenlisted in the 3d Heavy Artillery and 188th Pennsylvania Volunteers, serving until the close of the war. He was a member of the Methodist Church, a Republican, and a member of the G. A. R. He married Mary C. Longenberger, daughter of Daniel and Harriet Longenberger, on Aug. 20, 1870, and they had the following children: Thomas Roy, John Raymond (unmarried), Nellie Pfahler and Ruth G. John Raymond has held

responsible positions with the Columbia and Montour Electric Company, and was superintendent of the electric light plant at Catawissa. He has been a fireman on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad for seven years. He is a member of the Order of L. F. and E., and of Lodge No. 349, F. & A. M., of Catawissa. Nellie P. and Ruth G. Harder, daughters of George H. Harder, are graduates of the Catawissa high school, the former of the class of 1899 and the latter of the class of 1911. Nellie Harder has been a teacher for nine years in the Catawissa public schools.

Daniel Longenberger, father of Mrs. George H. Harder, was a blacksmith by occupation, Democratic in politics, and a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Harriet Giger, daughter of George and Margaret Giger, and their children were: Clarence, who married Emma Hoffman; Edward, unmarried; George, who married Myrle Rhodes; Harriet, who married Henry Fox; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Wirtz; Marguerite, unmarried; Caroline, who married a Mr. Woodgert; Minnie, who married a Mr. Ludwig; and Mary C., wife of George H. Harder.

Thomas Roy Harder was educated in the public schools of Catawissa, and learned the trade of painter. He entered the railroad business and has now been in the service for eighteen years, being at present a conductor on the Philadelphia & Reading railroad. He is a Republican, and has been a member of the council of Catawissa for eight years, serving as president for two years. He is a member of the Order of Railroad Conductors, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and Catawissa Lodge, No. 249, F. & A. M., at Catawissa. On July 3, 1912, he married Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Archibald Thompson and Catherine Jane (Millard) Lewis. They have no children.

Archibald Thompson Lewis was born Aug. 14, 1844, and died at Catawissa. He was a native of Gibraltar, Berks county, a railroad engineer, and a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted at Bloomsburg. He was a Republican in politics, and for many years president of the council of the Lutheran Church. He and his wife had four children, viz.: Harry Archie, born April 26, 1884, married Laura Johnson; William Henry, born Feb. 6, 1873, is married, lives in Kentucky, and has three children; John Warren, born Aug. 18, 1871, married Sarah Jones, of Bloomsburg, Pa.; and Mary Elizabeth is Mrs. Harder.

Samuel Thompson Lewis, grandfather of Mrs. Thomas R. Harder, was born at Gib-

raltar, Berks county, was a forgerman and later in life a railroad shop man. He was a Republican and a member of the Lutheran Church. His wife was Sarah Ohl.

Catherine Jane Millard, mother of Mrs. Thomas R. Harder, was born Nov. 25, 1845, and was a member of the Lutheran Church. Her father, Jacob Millard, was born in Berks county, married Elizabeth Orange, and had the following children: William Henry, married; Reuben, married; Sarah Ann, wife of J. McBride; Helen Rebecca, wife of Emanuel Hummel; Jacob, who married Laura Girton; Benjamin, unmarried; and Catherine Jane.

RALPH A. SAVIDGE, ex-professional baseball player, now an employee in the passenger coach department of the American Car and Foundry Company, was born in Jerseytown, Columbia Co., Pa., Feb. 3, 1879, son of Rev. George V. Savidge, a retired Methodist clergyman of Berwick.

Joseph Savidge, grandfather of Ralph A., studied for the Lutheran ministry in Northumberland county, Pa., but was never ordained by the General Council. He became a contractor at an early age, and in partnership with Jacob Martz helped build the Catawissa railroad from Tarentum to the Susquehanna river. He then went into the timber business, buying land and cutting the timber into boards at his own mill. He also operated a pottery for a number of years. Purchasing a farm of 140 acres, he cultivated it for a time, and also purchased the Jacob Martz farm. Later he sold the first farm and just before his death disposed of the 100-acre Martz place. He retired to his home in Sunbury, where he died at the age of eighty-three years, his remains being taken to Upper Augusta township, Northumberland Co., Pa., for interment. He had married Catherine, daughter of Daniel Kiefer, and they had the following children: George V.; Edward, who married Agnes Guffey; Lewis, who married Mary Batcheler, of Northumberland county; Sarah, living in Sunbury; Alice, who married Amos Gross—both deceased; John, now of Sunbury, who married Mary Hower (deceased) and (second) Mary Rheimard (deceased); and Eliza, who married William Neidig, of Sunbury. Mr. Savidge was a member of the Methodist Church at Sunbury and had held all of the offices within the gift of that organization. His wife, who died at the age of ninety-five, is buried at Sunbury.

George Valentine Savidge was educated in the schools of Upper Augusta township,

Northumberland county, and worked on his father's farm until he was twenty years old. He then believed that he had a call to the ministry and began to prepare himself for that work. Taking a course at Freeburg Academy, he later entered Dickinson Seminary, at Williamsport. On April 29, 1858, he married Rosalthe Batcheler, born Dec. 5, 1837, at Trout Run, Lycoming Co., Pa., daughter of James and Sarah (Crist) Batcheler, and they had one child, Anna, who married Dr. Thomas S. Chapin, of Berwick. Mr. Savidge then went to Northumberland county and engaged in the butcher business, which he followed for eight years. During this time his first wife died, April 15, 1870, aged thirty-three years, four months, ten days. Having been ordained and licensed as a local preacher, he took up the ministry and was made a member of the Pennsylvania Conference. On Dec. 28, 1872, he was married (second) to Maria Louise, daughter of John and Mary (Austin) Blanchard, and they had three children: Minnie, who died at the age of twenty-six; Ralph Austin; and Frederick Emerson.

Rev. G. V. Savidge served the following charges: Conyngham, Luzerne county; Elysburg, Northumberland county; Helfenstein, Schuylkill county; Jerseytown, Madison township, Columbia county; Buckhorn, Hemlock township, Columbia county; Benton, Benton township, Columbia county; Bloomingdale, Luzerne county; Beach Haven, Luzerne county; Jerseytown, Columbia county; Town Hill, Luzerne county; and Mifflinville, Mifflin township, Columbia county. Returning to Berwick about eight years ago, he is now living retired, on East Fifth street. He was once a Republican, but is now a strong Prohibitionist. Formerly he was a member of the Knights of Pythias. He attends the Methodist Church and is still connected with the conference.

Ralph A. Savidge was educated in many schools, being obliged to change whenever his father was moved to a new charge. In spite of these handicaps he succeeded in preparing for Dickinson Seminary, where he studied two years; had one term at Bloomsburg Normal, and a year at Wyoming Seminary. He then taught school for two years, married, placed his wife in the school as his successor, and entered Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa. After his graduation he became a professional baseball player and was in the following teams: Jacksonville, Fla.; Savannah, Ga.; Charleston, S. C.; Montreal, Canada; Cincinnati, Ohio; Rochester, N. Y.; Montgomery, Ala.;

Memphis, Tenn.; included in the Eastern, National, Southern and South Atlantic Leagues. His professional experience covered about ten years. Returning to Berwick Mr. Savidge secured employment with the American Car and Foundry Company, in the passenger car department, was later made night foreman of the bolster department of the freight car shop, and is now again employed in the passenger car department.

Mr. Savidge was married, Sept. 14, 1907, to Nola Belle, daughter of Allison W. and Clara A. (Hess) Snyder, and they have had two children: Donald Snyder, born Aug. 28, 1908; and Bernice Blanchard, born May 17, 1910.

Joseph Blanchard, grandfather of Mrs. G. V. Savidge, who died at the age of eighty, was a member of the Methodist Church and resided in Luzerne county. He and his wife are buried in the cemetery at Muhlenburg. John Blanchard, his son, was educated in the schools of Bloomingdale and worked on a farm in his youth. Later he bought a farm of 100 acres, which he cultivated until his death. He married Mary, daughter of Shadrach and Mary (Gregory) Austin, and they had eight children: Evelyn married Haskell Clark, and both are deceased; Joseph, deceased, married Lydia Holcomb, who is living in California; Elizabeth married Jackson Robbins, and both are deceased; Caroline is the widow of James Post, of Shickshinny; Maria L. is mentioned below; Shadrach married Cordelia Moss, of Bloomingdale; Martha married Chester Beisher, of Luzerne county; Abigail died aged eight years. Mr. Blanchard was a justice of the peace for twenty-five years and a county commissioner for one term. He was a member of the Methodist Church, a very devout man, and noted for his honesty and fair dealing. He and his wife are buried at Bloomingdale.

Maria L. Blanchard, daughter of John Blanchard, and wife of Rev. George V. Savidge, was born Dec. 14, 1841, in Bloomingdale, Ross township, Luzerne county, and was educated in Bloomingdale Academy.

Nola Belle Snyder, wife of Ralph A. Savidge, was born Nov. 7, 1881, in Mifflinville, daughter of Allison White Snyder. She was educated in the schools of Mifflinville, took a course at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, and attended one year at the Bloomsburg Normal. She then taught school for two years in Mifflin township, and later took up the milliner's profession, which she followed successfully until her marriage.

Samuel Snyder, grandfather of Mrs. Savidge, was a native of Mifflin township. He was a farmer, a justice of the peace for several years, and served as sheriff of Columbia county. After the expiration of his term he left Bloomsburg and returned to Mifflinville, where he died at the age of seventy-five. He was a Methodist, a member of the choir, and had held all the offices in the church. He married Hester Brown, and they had children: Violet, widow of Herman Eckroth, of Mifflin township; and Allison W. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are buried at Mifflinville.

Allison White Snyder, father of Mrs. Savidge, was born June 15, 1855, in Mifflin township. He was educated in the schools of the township and at Bloomsburg, and took up the carpenter's trade. Later he entered the general store business, which he conducted for thirty-two years, and then retired to live in Berwick. He married Clara A., daughter of Aaron and Esther (Bittenbender) Hess, and they had children as follows: Nola Belle; Vere, born June 3, 1883, wife of Hugh Stebbins, of Wellsboro; Homer H., born May 6, 1885, a physician in Scranton, Pa.; and Irene, born May 4, 1891, a school teacher at Berwick. Mr. Snyder is a Democrat in politics and a Methodist in religious connection, he and his wife belonging to the First Methodist Church at Berwick. He held the offices of elder, trustee and steward and was also assistant superintendent of the Sunday school.

LEWIS OXLEY, of Catawissa, a retired locomotive engineer, was born Feb. 13, 1835, in Luzerne county, Pa., two miles from Conyngham. He is a son of Peter and Eve (Moyer) Oxley, both of whom resided in that county until they died. His mother was a native of Berks county and a member of the Moyer family which has had such close connection with the history of that portion of Pennsylvania. Of their large family of eleven children but one, Lewis, has survived. There were three sons and eight daughters.

Lewis Oxley had but little schooling in his childhood, being obliged to go to work at an early age, and commencing in the coal mines as a mule driver. His ambition was higher, however, and at the age of sixteen he went to work for the Little Schuylkill Railroad Company, at Tamaqua, Pa., as brakeman. Gradually he worked up in his chosen profession. He was employed on the Reading road between Pottsville and Port Richmond, next took the position of fireman on the Catawissa & Williamsport railroad for two years, and

then was with the Lehigh Valley road, at Beaver Meadows, until Sept. 16, 1861. At this time the outbreak of the Civil war caused him to enlist, and he saw service until its close. After the war he was roundhouse foreman for the Lehigh & Susquehanna Railroad Company at Wilkes-Barre, and later held the position of engineer for almost twelve years. In 1877 he located in Catawissa and started to work for the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, with whom he held a position until he was seventy years old, being then retired upon a pension. He had been a railroad employee for fifty-three years altogether.

On Oct. 28, 1867, Mr. Oxley married Catherine, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Everett) Wampole, of Penn Haven, Pa. Mrs. Wampole was a native of Lehigh and her husband of Catawissa. He was a stonemason and resided in that borough. Mrs. Wampole by her first marriage, to William Gordon, of Lehigh, had one son, William, now deceased. By her marriage to Thomas Wampole she had four children: Catherine (Mrs. Oxley); Rebecca, widow of Lewis Meyers, now living in Catawissa; and two deceased.

On Sept. 16, 1861, Mr. Oxley enlisted in Company G, 81st Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, at Beaver Meadows, Pa., being sent to camp at Kendall Green, near Washington, and later to Maryland Heights. From there he was sent to Alexandria, whence, in company with the 61st New York, the troops were transported by railroad to the Rappahannock river. Returning to Alexandria, his regiment was sent on the steamer "S. R. Spalding" to Fortress Monroe, but could not land, owing to high water. They went up the York river and unloaded at Shipping Point, whence they drove the Confederates back after a sharp skirmish. From there they marched to Pearl Bottom and burnt the bridges, crossed the river and proceeded to Fair Oaks and Seven Pines, Va., being in a series of battles and skirmishes for seven days. Mr. Oxley fought from Gaines' Mills to Harrison's Landing, being wounded in the left hand and remaining in the hospital for two months. After his discharge he went on a visit and while there was induced to enlist in Company L, 14th New York Cavalry, and was sent to Texas. The regiment went to Alexandria, La., where they built a log dam, and from there marched through Franklin to New Iberia, where they camped. Thence Mr. Oxley went as far as the Texas line, and returning went to Brashear City and New Orleans. He was located in

that section of Louisiana for two years, during which time he contracted swamp ague, on which account he was sent to hospital at Baton Rouge and later to New Orleans, in the intervals of the attacks of fever and ague doing guard duty. From there he was sent to the hospital at Fort Schuyler, from which he was discharged May 18, 1865. In his many engagements he had a number of close escapes from death, was struck in the leg by a bullet, lost the little finger of his left hand, and received a saber cut in the arm. While in the city of New York, in 1863, he was a sergeant in one of the searching parties during the celebrated draft riots.

Mr. Oxley is a man of remarkable memory. He has been in many parts of the country, experienced strange and interesting occurrences, and can remember them with a vividness that holds the attention of those to whom he relates them. He is a member of the G. A. R. post at Wilkes-Barre, has been a member of the I. O. O. F. lodge of that city for forty years, and is a past commander of the Knights of Pythias; he is also a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Division No. 263, at Wilkes-Barre. With his wife he belongs to the Lutheran Church.

GEORGE B. KILE, who is employed in the passenger car department of the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick, was born in Jackson township, Columbia Co., Pa., Jan. 17, 1863, son of Nehemiah Kile, and grandson of William Kile.

William Kile carried on agricultural operations in Sugarloaf township, owning about one hundred acres of land. He lived to advanced age, and was always a farmer. His children were: James was twice married, his second wife being Elizabeth Carnes; Anderson married Susannah Kline; Wesley married Hester Ann Hess; Jackson married Angeline Hess; Nehemiah is mentioned below; Sarah married William Peterman; Hannah married Hugh Schultz; Julia married William Hess. Politically Mr. Kile was a Democrat. The Methodist Church held his membership, and he attended services at the old stone church in Sugarloaf township; he and his wife are buried in the cemetery adjoining that church.

Nehemiah Kile, son of William Kile, was born in Sugarloaf township, and there received his educational training, in the meantime working on his father's farm. As soon as he was able he bought a farm of 118 acres in Jackson township, which he operated until his death, which occurred when he was about



seventy-eight years old. He married Malinda Kline, a daughter of Abraham A. and Catherine (Roberts) Kline, and their children were: Boyd, who died at the age of forty-one years; William Floyd (twin of Boyd), who resides in Jackson township; George B.; Burton, who died of measles when two and a half years old; John B., who married Emma Meeker, of Jackson township; and Annie Catherine, who married S. Dyson Savage, of Berwick. Mrs. Malinda Kile died at the age of thirty-two years. Later Nehemiah Kile married (second) Christina Cotterman, a daughter of David and Annie (Seybert) Cotterman, and by this marriage there were children as follows: David, who married Annie Long, widow of Dawson Long; Aaron, who married Grace Fritz; Sadie, who married Charles Ertwine, of Benton; Wilson, who married Mary Reider; Ira; and Cyrus, who died of the measles when two and a half years old. Nehemiah Kile was a Democrat and served as school director and supervisor of his township. He was a Methodist in religious faith, and he and his first wife are buried at Waller, in Jackson township. The second wife survives him and is living upon the homestead in Jackson township.

George B. Kile was educated in the schools of his native township, and until he was sixteen years of age made himself useful on his father's farm. At that age he entered the employ of neighboring farmers in Briarcreek township and so continued for three years. He then moved to Berwick and was employed in the lumberyard of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company for three more years. In 1887 he started to work in the yards of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, as brakeman, and later became a conductor, being thus engaged for twelve years. He was then made yardmaster, and held that position for two years. At present he is employed in the passenger car department and is one of the trusted men of the American Car and Foundry Company.

George B. Kile married Lulu Lee, daughter of Thomas M. and Ellen (Cooper) Lee, and they had the following children: Nellie, who married Harry Fahringer, of West Berwick; Anna, married to D. Randall Nicholls, of Berwick, Salem township; Charles; Mary, married to Roy Barnard, Berwick; Jennie, at home; Francis, who died at the age of two years, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery at Berwick; and Clarence, deceased in infancy, who is buried in the same cemetery. Mrs. Kile died July 17, 1912, and is buried in Pine Grove

cemetery. Mr. Kile is a Democrat. He belongs to the Berwick Beneficial Association. The Baptist Church of Berwick receives his support, as he is a member of same.

Mrs. Kile was born at Nescopeck, Luzerne Co., Pa., Nov. 10, 1865, and was educated in the public schools of Nescopeck and Berwick. For three years prior to her marriage she taught music. Like her husband she was a member of the Baptist Church at Berwick.

Thomas M. Lee, father of Mrs. Kile, was born in 1823, and died in 1895, aged seventy-two years. He was educated in Luzerne county, where he learned the carpenter's trade, following it much of his life; later on he engaged with the American Car and Foundry Company as saw filer. During the Civil war he enlisted in the Union army as a carpenter from Nescopeck, and served for three years, being engaged in building bridges and doing similar construction work. He married Ellen Cooper, and they had the following children: Charles, who died young; Lulu; and Elizabeth, who died young. Mr. Lee was a Republican, but held no offices. For years he belonged to the Methodist Church of Berwick. He and his wife are buried in Pine Grove cemetery at Berwick.

FRANK MENSCH, a farmer of Montour township, Columbia Co., Pa., was born at Catawissa, that county, July 28, 1879, son of John S. Mensch, and great-great-grandson of Christian Mensch, one of the early German settlers of Berks county.

Christian Mensch settled in Franklin township, Columbia county, after leaving Berks county, occupied and cultivated 400 acres of land, and was buried at Catawissa. He and his wife, Sabina, had six children: Adam, Abraham, John, Peter, and two daughters, whose names are not obtainable. John Mensch, the son, was a farmer, and married Catherine Heimbach. Their children were: Sarah, Michael, Eliza, Jessie, Christian, Maria, William, Abbie and Catherine.

Michael Mensch, grandfather of Frank, was born on the old homestead in Franklin township and remained there farming for the greater part of his life. He was a school director and supervisor of the township, and a highly esteemed citizen. He married Margaret, daughter of John Shuman, and they had four children: John S.; Thomas M., deceased; Catherine, wife of Owen Clayton; and Matilda, wife of William Benninger.

John S. Mensch, father of Frank, was educated in the public schools and followed farm-

ing for the greater part of his life, now spending his days on his model farm of 150 acres in Columbia county, near Bloomsburg. He married Matilda Zarr, daughter of Daniel and Hannah (Cleaver) Zarr, and they have had thirteen children: Flora, at home; George, a railroad man, living at Jersey Shore; William, living in Bloomsburg; Clara, wife of Winthrop C. Bryfogle, of Williamsport; Daniel Z., cashier of the Shickshinny National Bank; J. Harry, living at Rupert; Margaret, wife of Clark Clever, of Philadelphia; Morris, living in Camden, N. J.; Charles, a railroad man, of Rupert; Adah, wife of Emerson Fisher, living in Wilkes-Barre; Frank; and Guy and Mayberry, at home.

Frank Mensch attended the public schools of Montour township and worked at farming with his father until he was eighteen, then entering a greenhouse, where he worked for two years. Returning to his father he worked with him for five years more, after which he took up electric railway work for four years. For a time after that he was interested in a dairy, and then in September, 1910, bought the Isaac Mowrey farm of 101 acres, established a first-class dairy, and is supplying numerous customers in Bloomsburg. On Aug. 27, 1901, he married Jennie McMahan, daughter of James and Margaret (Manning) McMahan, and they have three children: Mary Esther, Maude Charlotte and Frank Edward. Mr. Mensch is a Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran Church.

James McMahan, father of Mrs. Mensch, was a descendant of the McMahan of Scotland, several of whom settled in Northumberland county, Pa., in the early days of the republic. The first ancestor in America was John, from whom Mrs. Mensch draws her line through John (2), Benjamin, and James. Benjamin McMahan married Esther J. Brearley, a native of New Jersey, and had nine children: William, Mary J., James, Margaret, Sarah A., Esther, Hannah, Harriet and John B. James McMahan at first farmed in Valley township and then moved to Mount Pleasant township, where he bought the D. R. Appleman farm of ninety-one acres. Here he resided until his death, July 21, 1883. His remains were interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Danville. He married Margaret, daughter of Jacob and Rebecca (Kisner) Manning, and they had children as follows: William, who owns and cultivates the home farm in Mount Pleasant township; Lizzie, who died young; Jennie, wife of Frank

Mensch; and Anna M., wife of Uriah Bangs, living in Berwick, Pennsylvania.

William McMahan, son of Benjamin, was a civil engineer by profession, and died at Pawpaw, Ill. He married Sarah Ann Clark, and they had four children: John Clark, William B., Harriet E., and Mary E., who died in youth.

CHARLES B. KLINE, who since 1913 has been engaged as a finisher in the passenger coach department of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, Pa., was born Sept. 22, 1872, at Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa., son of Abraham Lincoln and Mary (Hess) Kline.

The Kline family was founded in the United States by the great-grandfather of Charles B. Kline, Gottfried Kline, who came to this country with his family and settled at Orangeville, Pa., and here spent the remaining years of his life. He was a native of England and for some years carried on farming in Orange township.

Daniel Kline, the grandfather of Charles B. Kline, followed in the footsteps of his father, becoming a farmer near the Green creek bridge, in Orange township, Columbia county, where in addition to owning a tract of eighty-eight acres of land he carried on an extensive threshing business. He married Ella Shultz, daughter of John and Caroline (Moore) Shultz, who came from above Rohrsburg, Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: Abraham Lincoln; Montgomery, whose wife was Elizabeth; Rebecca, who married John Parker; and Charlotte, who is unmarried and lives at Sunbury, Pa. Mr. Kline was a Democrat in politics and a member of the Presbyterian Church, in the faith of which he died at the age of sixty years.

Abraham Lincoln Kline, the father of Charles B. Kline, was born in Orange township, Columbia Co., Pa., April 22, 1842, and was there educated in the common schools. Like his father and grandfather he was a farmer by vocation, and cultivated the old homestead place of eighty-eight acres, in addition to which he operated a threshing machine, doing a large business among the agriculturists of his locality. He was a Democrat in his views, but was not a politician. With his family he attended the Presbyterian Church, and died in its faith, June 5, 1908. Mr. Kline married Miss Mary Hess, of Fishingcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., born Feb. 11, 1840, daughter of Aaron and Elizabeth (Stiner)

Hess, and they became the parents of the following children: Aaron, born in 1870, unmarried; Daniel M., who married Rose Ruple; Charles B.; George, born May 13, 1874, who married Lavina Santee; Anna, deceased, who was the wife of Lee Whitenight and is buried at Orangeville; William W., born Feb. 10, 1876, who married Mary Anderson; Bruce, who died Sept. 17, 1900, aged nineteen years, eight months, thirteen days, and is buried at Rohrsburg; Jennie, who married John W. Sitler; and John.

Aaron Hess, the maternal grandfather of Charles B. Kline, was an early farmer of Fishingcreek township, Columbia county, where he owned one tract of 130 acres and another of 100 acres, in addition to much valuable timberland. His life was passed in agricultural pursuits, and his death occurred in 1892, when he was about seventy years of age. Mr. Hess married Elizabeth Stiner, and they became the parents of the following children: John, who married Mary Trexler; Mary, who married Abraham L. Kline; Benjamin, who married Amanda Hess; Ira; Harry, who married Lavona Eveland; Peter; Matilda, who married Joseph Albertson; Eliza, who married Nathan Dreisbach; and Aaron, who married Harriet White.

Charles B. Kline received his education in Kline's school, at Orangeville, and left his native place in the fall of 1893, coming at once to Berwick, where he secured employment in the wood car shop of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, under Gideon Beishline, foreman, and Harry Glenn, superintendent. In 1906 he resigned this position to enter the employ of the Berwick Store Company, but after one year returned to his old employment at the wood car shops; in September, 1911, he again became associated with the Berwick Store Company. Mr. Kline accepted his present position, that of finisher in the American Car and Foundry Company's passenger coach department, under John Brigham, head boss, in September, 1913, and here he has steadily advanced in the confidence of his employers. Mr. Kline is a Democrat in politics and has taken an active interest in the success of his party in this section. He is affiliated with Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., and his religious connection is with the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, which he is serving as a member of the board of trustees.

Mr. Kline married Lilly Rhinard, daughter of Lemuel and Mary (Sitler) Rhinard, and three children have been born to this union:

Lena Alice, born May 16, 1899; Nola Eliza-

beth, born May 22, 1907; and Donald Richard, born Oct. 30, 1909.

Daniel Rhinard, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Kline, was for many years engaged in general farming operations on a rented tract of land at New Columbus, Luzerne Co., Pa., and was known as a hard-working and industrious citizen, a staunch Republican, and a faithful member of the Evangelical Church. He married Emmeline Martz, and they became the parents of the following children: Lemuel; Mary, who married Levi Remley; Cordelia, who married Ira Doty; Eliza, who married Evan Naugle; Alice, who married Newman Bower; Hannah, who married Eugene Doty; Lucinda, who married Isaiah Clewell; Irvine, who married Norah Weaver; Norman, who died young; Carrie, who married William Doty; and Clara, who died young.

Lemuel Rhinard, the father of Mrs. Kline, was born Feb. 5, 1857, at New Columbus, Luzerne Co., Pa., and was there educated in the public schools. When a young man he came to Berwick, where he secured employment with the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and for thirty-five years was under William Faust in the wood car shop. At the end of that long period, which was characterized by faithful and efficient services, he resigned his position and engaged in business on his own account as a carpenter and contractor. Mr. Rhinard married Mary Sitler, and they became the parents of the following children: Lilly, who became the wife of Charles B. Kline; Bruce, who died young and was buried at Summerhill; Jennie, who became the wife of Richard Kishbaugh; Ralph, who married Martha Sponenberg; Harry; Edith, who married Harry Riddal; Edward, who died young and was buried at Summerhill; Edna, who married Walter White; and Pearl. Mr. Rhinard is a Democrat in his political views, and socially is a member of the Berwick Beneficial Association. Mrs. Rhinard is a member of the North Berwick United Evangelical Church.

Jacob Sitler, the maternal great-grandfather of Mrs. Kline, was born in Germany, and in young manhood emigrated to the United States, where he passed the remaining years of his life. Among his children was Levi Sitler, the grandfather of Mrs. Kline, who married Hannah Bower, daughter of Solomon Bower, a farmer, and had the following children: Mary, born Sept. 7, 1852, who became the wife of Lemuel Rhinard; Hurley, who married Fanny Deitterick; Edward, who married Alice Kisner; George; James McClel-

lan, who is deceased; John H., who married Elora Smith; Jennie; and Solomon and Rebecca, both of whom died young and were buried at the Brick Church in Briarcreek township, Columbia county.

**FORREST NEWBERRY RITTER**, clerk in the office of the paymaster of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, was born in Turbotville, Pa., Jan. 4, 1886, son of Thomas Ritter and grandson of William Ritter.

William Ritter was born at Sinking Springs, near Watsontown, Northumberland Co., Pa., and was educated in the country schools of the county. He learned the trade of tailor and went into business for himself at an early age, at New Columbia, Pa., where he was also a hotelkeeper. During the Civil war he was a recruiting officer. He married Sophia Seese, and their children were: John, who married Mary Noll; James; Thomas; William; George; and Ada, wife of Rev. Hiram Douty. Mr. Ritter was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church.

Thomas Ritter was born July 3, 1849, in New Columbia, Union Co., Pa., was educated in the common schools, and became a carriage maker. Moving to Turbotville, he entered into partnership with George W. Troxell, and later with Henry Bitner. He then went to Lewisburg and established a business for himself. He married Mary Alice Goodlander, born April 1, 1852, daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Bennage) Goodlander, and they had children as follows: Ernest L., who married Sarah Rearick and (second) Florence Rine; Samuel and William, who died young; Lizzie, wife of William Davis; Sarah, wife of Harry Dentler; Harry, who died young; and Forrest N. Mr. Ritter was a Republican, a member of the Lutheran Church, and belonged to the Knights of the Golden Eagle at Lewisburg.

Forrest N. Ritter attended the public schools of Lewisburg and then took a course in Keller's business college there. In September, 1904, he came to Berwick and took a position with the American Car and Foundry Company, under Paymaster S. W. Dickson, who was succeeded by S. R. Pealer and Henry Traugh. Mr. Ritter is a Republican and at present secretary of the town council. He married Gertrude Mildred, daughter of James and Margaret (Doherty) Guinan, and their children are: Helen Margaret, born July 28, 1910; and Atlee Thomas, born April 8, 1912. Mr. Ritter attends Holy Trinity Lutheran

Church. Fraternally he is a member of Berwick Camp, No. 162, Woodmen of the World.

Gertrude Mildred Guinan was born in Rochester, N. Y., June 9, 1889, and began her education there in the public schools. Moving to Pittsburg with her parents she attended the schools of that city and Allegheny, was employed by Boggs & Buhl of Pittsburg, and came to Berwick in 1904. Her father, James Guinan, was born in Scottsville, Pa., and was a carpenter by trade. He married Margaret Doherty, of Buffalo, N. Y., and they had but the one child.

Samuel Goodlander, maternal grandfather of Forrest N. Ritter, was born near New Columbia, Pa., Dec. 18, 1821, and obtained a common school education. He was a carpenter and a farmer. On Sept. 29, 1864, he enlisted in the 199th Regiment, Company C, from Milton, Pa., and was mustered out June 28, 1865, at Richmond, Va. He died May 18, 1898. His wife, Sarah (Bennage), born Nov. 22, 1830, died Nov. 16, 1907. Their children were: Lizzie Ada, wife of Walter Newberry; John Horace; and Mary Alice, wife of Thomas Ritter.

**WILLIAM H. ARTLEY**, deceased, a lifelong farmer of Franklin township, Columbia county, was born May 23, 1859, son of John and Katherine (Strauser) Artley, and grandson of Christian Artley.

Christian Artley was born in Germany, but coming to this country in young manhood located in Franklin township, where he became the owner of 429 acres of land, all of which he cleared. In 1842 he divided his land among his sons, giving each an equal amount, thus providing for them generously. He was interred in the Catawissa cemetery. He married a member of the Hower family and they had children as follows: Solomon, Daniel, Henry, John, Christ and Bastian.

John Artley was born in Franklin township and brought up on his father's homestead, which he was given in the division of the property which took place in 1842. On this farm he erected new buildings, and added greatly to the value of his holdings. By his marriage to Mary Weaver he had the following named children: John; Christ; Jake; Regina; Katherine; Maria, who married Reuben Roup; and Rachel, who married Samuel Leiby. John Artley was a member of the German Reformed Church. In politics he was a Democrat. Like his father he is buried in the Catawissa cemetery.

William H. Artley was always a farmer,

and operated his grandfather's homestead, which he purchased, growing all kinds of seed grain, chestnut trees and fruits, in addition to general crops. His death occurred April 28, 1914, and he is sincerely mourned, for he was a good husband and father and a congenial neighbor, always ready to lend a helping hand.

William H. Artley married Annie Berger, a daughter of Elijah and Sarah Berger, of Franklin township. They had children as follows: Mae, Arthur, Nelson, Daisy, Florence and Edith. Mr. Artley was a Methodist. A good Democrat, he was elected by his party to the office of school director and gave universal satisfaction in the discharge of his duties. A man of industry, he worked hard and took a justifiable pride in the appearance of his premises and the fertility of his land.

CHARLES WESLEY BAKER, a puddler in the rolling mill department of the American Car and Foundry Co., Berwick, Pa., was born Oct. 6, 1869, in Scott township, Columbia county, son of Samuel Wesley Baker and a grandson of Melancthon Baker. The family is of English descent.

Melancthon Baker was born in New York State Aug. 28, 1811, and followed the occupation of bridge building. He came to Columbia county and worked on the Pennsylvania canal as boatman, carrying coal to the Southern markets. At first he ran boats for one of the freight carrying companies, but later owned a boat of his own. A few years before his death he retired, and he lived with his son, Samuel W. Baker. He owned a home and five acres of land in Centre township, which he cultivated occasionally. He married Asenath McAllister, who was of Irish parentage, and their children were: Adelia Jane, born March 21, 1832, married Theodore C. Fowler, of Bloomsburg; William Erastus, born Jan. 27, 1835, married Hetty Fenstermaker; Mary Delilah, born April 21, 1836, died Jan. 5, 1837; Clarissa Rebecca, born May 11, 1840, died Sept. 21, 1840; George Milford, born Sept. 8, 1841, now deceased, married Alverna Creveling, who lives in Espy; Samuel Wesley was the last survivor of the family. Mr. Baker died Nov. 2, 1878, his wife Dec. 5, 1868, and both are buried at Almedia. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church.

Samuel W. Baker, father of Charles W., was born July 12, 1844, in Centre township, and attended the Miller schoolhouse until his fifteenth year. He was a boatman on the Pennsylvania canal, as was his father before him, and followed that employment until 1890,

when he retired to a farm in Scott township for four years. He then came to Bloomsburg and was sexton of churches until his death, at which time he was sexton of the First Methodist church. For thirty-two years he was on the Pennsylvania and Erie canals, carrying coal and grain. He enlisted in Company E, 209th Regiment, Pa. Vols., was mustered in at Harrisburg, and went to the front, but arrived just after the battle of Petersburg. He then did picket duty until Lee's surrender, returned to Alexandria, Va., and after participating in the grand review in Washington was mustered out at Harrisburg, May 31, 1865.

Mr. Baker married Margaret Alice, daughter of Isaac and Hannah (Garrison) Musgrove, and they had children as follows: Charles W. is mentioned below; George Milford, born Feb. 5, 1872, married Mary Hopper, of Pittston, Pa.; William Grant, born Sept. 8, 1874, married Lillian Geiser, of Hemlock township; Lilly A., born Dec. 12, 1878, married Gurney Lyons and (second) Byron Chaundy, of Detroit, Mich.; and Nora Ella, born Oct. 24, 1881, married Albert Cox, of Bloomsburg. Mr. Baker was a member of the Methodist Church, of Lodge No. 681, Odd Fellows, and was commander of Col. W. H. Ent Post, No. 250, G. A. R., of Bloomsburg, at the time of his death, May 29, 1914.

Charles Wesley Baker was educated in the school at Webbs Run, Scott township, working on the canal with his father in the summer and attending school in the winter, until he was twenty years old. He then went to Milton, Pa., and secured a position in the rolling mills as assistant puddler, in which capacity he served two years. He continued in the mills there for two years more as puddler, and then moved to Berwick and took a position as puddler with the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Co. He remained with the firm after it was merged into the American Car and Foundry Company, and is still employed in the puddling department, of which James Lee is superintendent. He has been continuously in this establishment for twenty years.

Mr. Baker married Cecilia Graham, daughter of Philip and Rebecca (Farber) Graham, and they have had the following children: Clara; Elsie, wife of Prof. James Ligman, of Philadelphia; Elva, deceased; Pauline; Dorretta; Elizabeth; and Charles.

Mr. Baker is independent in political matters, and is a Methodist in religious affairs. He is a member of the Berwick Beneficial Association and of Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.

Philip Graham, grandfather of Mrs. Baker, was an Evangelical minister, and followed the profession all his life. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Snyder, are buried at Liverpool, Pennsylvania. They were the parents of the following children: Susan, who married Rev. Henry Grenninger; Anna, widow of George Heim, living at Columbia, Pa.; William; Philip; Abraham, deceased; Elizabeth, Mrs. Leiphart, deceased; and John, living at Carlisle, Pa., who married Martha Hefkin.

Philip Graham, son of Philip, learned the trade of shoemaker, but for many years devoted himself to religious work. Always a very devout man, he became a minister of the Evangelical denomination, and when he retired from the ministry resumed shoemaking, which he is now following at Almedia, Columbia Co., Pa., where he makes his home. During the Civil war he served in the Union army, enlisting Jan. 27, 1865, at Trenton, N. J. He was mustered in the same day, as a member of Company E, 40th Regiment, which was attached to the 1st Brigade, 6th Army Corps, and was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, under General Grant. He participated in the battles of Petersburg and Cedar Creek, and was honorably discharged and mustered out July 13, 1865. Politically Mr. Graham is a Republican, in religious connection a member of the Evangelical Church. He married Rebecca Farber, of Jackson township, who died at the age of fifty-six years and is buried at Almedia, Pa. Six children were born to this union: Philip, who lives in the West; Anna, widow of George Mattice, who was secretary of the Hahnemann College, at Philadelphia, Pa.; Cecilia, Mrs. Charles W. Baker; Christopher, deceased, who married Jennie Thompson; Margaret, who married Barton Payden; and William, who married Bessie Lemmons.

FRANK BRITTON WHITE, cashier and paymaster at the Bloomsburg plant of the American Car and Foundry Company, was born June 13, 1890, in Almedia, Columbia Co., Pa., and is a member of a large and prominent family whose founders were among the first to settle in this part of the State.

Peter and Elizabeth (Britton) White were among the first of the Scotch-Irish contingent who settled in this part of Pennsylvania, and they came to the locality of Light Street before 1800. Here they lived and reared a family, Peter dying in 1815 and his widow in 1828, and both are buried in the cemetery at Bloomsburg. Their children were: Henry, who died in Indiana; Mary Maud, Mrs. Gar-

risson, of Salem township, Luzerne county; Zebeth, who lived in Michigan; John, who lived in Richland county, Ohio; Joseph; William; Samuel and Peter, of Richland county, Ohio; Catherine, wife of Samuel Owen, of Mount Pleasant township; Sarah, wife of Andrew Mellick; Elizabeth, wife of a Mr. Emerson, of Indiana; Isaac, mentioned below; and Henry, who lived in Indiana.

Isaac White, grandfather of Frank B., was born in Light Street, Columbia county, in 1815, and educated in the country schools. He was a farmer and owned about 140 acres in Mount Pleasant township. In 1860 he sold out and came to Almedia, where he erected a limekiln and made and sold lime. He died in 1871. His wife was Catherine, daughter of Andrew Mellick, and their children were: Sarah E., wife of Kester McMichael; John H., who married Christine Hippensteel; Eliza J., wife of John H. Vanderslice; Peter, Mary C. and Andrew E., who died young; Henry Newton, mentioned below; Esther B., wife of George Hartman; Isaac D., who married Lilly Wilson; Alger K., who married Laura Patterson; and Frank G., who married Jennie Zahn. Mr. White was a Republican and a school director, and attended the Methodist Church.

Henry Newton White was born Oct. 22, 1851, in Mount Pleasant township, and attended school at Millville. He also attended the Millville Seminary. Moving to Almedia he engaged in the lime business, for a time did a trucking business on his farm, and now devotes his time exclusively to the lime business. He is independent in politics and is very popular, having held all the township offices. He is a member of the Methodist Church and of Lodge No. 289, I. O. O. F., of Espy. Mr. White married Florence P., daughter of Joseph and Deborah (Fowler) White, from Iola, near Millville, and they have had the following children: Harry E., born Oct. 28, 1880, married to Sue Mellins; Ralph S., born March 2, 1882; Ora C., born April 11, 1884, married to Edward Campbell; Nellie, born Aug. 10, 1886; Annie B., born Aug. 25, 1888; Frank B., mentioned below; and George G., born Aug. 1, 1892, who is buried at Almedia.

Frank B. White attended the common schools of Almedia, graduated from the high school and the State Normal at Bloomsburg, and then took a commercial course. In August, 1910, he entered the office of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, as stenographer to J. F. Long, holding

the position until 1912, when he was transferred to Bloomsburg, as time clerk, under Superintendent W. V. Johnson. On Feb. 1, 1913, he was made cashier and paymaster, which position he now holds. Mr. White is independent in politics, and is a member of the Methodist Church at Almedia. He is a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 289, of Espy, and of Washington Lodge, No. 265, F. & A. M., of Bloomsburg.

Joseph White, grandfather of Frank B. White, was born March 25, 1800, in Light Street, and died Dec. 2, 1858. He was a farmer, owning a tract of 100 acres above Iola, near Sereno, which he occupied and cultivated until his death. He was a Republican and a member of the Methodist Church. By his first wife, Lydia A., daughter of John Robbins, a farmer and justice of the peace of Greenwood township, he had these children: Sarah C., wife of John Johnson; Alem Britton, who married Esther E. Geisinger, and is a merchant of Light Street; John A., who married Elizabeth Ward and resides in Richland county, Ohio; Melissa J., wife of Henry Muller, of Northumberland county; Mary E., wife of David Owen; Anna A., wife of Samuel White; Harriet M., wife of Thomas Wright, of Millville; and Eliza R., wife of Stephen Fornwald, of Washington, Ind. The mother of this family died Dec. 7, 1835, at the age of thirty-eight years. By his second wife, Deborah, daughter of Daniel and Charity Fowler, Joseph White had but two children: Joseph E., a merchant of Light Street, who married Clara Tubbs; and Florence P., wife of Henry Newton White, of Almedia.

DAVID J. ROGERS, of Danville, general contractor, whose principal business is in stone work, has been following that line since he settled in the borough, in the year 1868. Some of the most creditable structures in the town, both as substantial improvements and architectural successes, are his work, and the number of large contracts at other places which have been awarded him shows clearly the reputation he has established.

Mr. Rogers is a native of South Wales, born Aug. 17, 1846, son of John and Rachel Rogers, who were also born in that country. He grew up in his native land, and was a youth of eighteen years when he came to America, locating first in Tioga county, Pa. In 1868 he came to Danville, Montour county, where he at once began to work as a stonemason and cutter, later also finding employ-

ment in the marble works, where he familiarized himself with another branch of the business. As he became better known in the vicinity he began to take contracts for the erection of buildings, and important stone work, and the class of construction intrusted to him carries its own recommendation of his ability and sense of artistic values, combined with conscientious performance of whatever he undertakes. Among the conspicuous examples of his work in Danville are the Beaver Library, a number of the large furnaces, and the steel mill, besides many others for which a thorough knowledge of all the details of his business was necessary to success. The large Methodist Church at Lewisburg, Pa., costing twenty-five thousand dollars, is another building of his construction. There are few contractors in this region who have attained higher standing, or produced as much worthy of note, and Mr. Rogers deserves great credit for his achievements. The spirit of the workman who really cares for his calling has animated all his productions. In stone work he makes a specialty of granite monuments.

Mr. Rogers married Ellma M. Kelly, who was born in September, 1849, at Lansing, Mich., only child of Benjamin Smith and Margaret (Henry) Kelly. Her father was a native of Union county, Pa., was a carpenter by trade, and came to Danville to follow that work when a young man. After his marriage he moved to Michigan, where he died in the year 1850. His father also died when his family was young, and Benjamin S. Kelly was reared by Judge Marshall, of Union county. His wife, Margaret (Henry), daughter of George and Catherine (Crane) Henry, remarried, becoming the wife of Joseph Bear, a blacksmith. She died in 1895, aged over sixty years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogers reside at No. 718 Front street. They have had two sons: Ernest Claude, who has a granite works at Sunbury, Pa., is married to Dora Grove; they have no children. Charles D., now store manager for McCrory & Co., at Punxsutawney, Pa., married Lena Markle.

Fraternally Mr. Rogers belongs to Beaver Lodge No. 132, Knights of Pythias, of Danville; to Montour Lodge No. 109, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Danville, and to the Freemasons, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree. He was formerly a member of Wellsboro Lodge, No. 317, F. & A. M., and now holds membership in the chapter (R. A. M.), Crusade Commandery, No. 12, K. T. (of which he is a past com-



mander), and Caldwell Consistory (thirty-second degree), all of Bloomsburg; and in Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian Church. Though interested in the general welfare, and particularly in the advancement of his home town, he never mingles in political life or public affairs of any nature.

ROBERT CORNELISON has established a fine business in his section of Montour county as a contracting carpenter, and he has also followed farming successfully. He was born May 3, 1856, in Liberty township, this county, son of William Cornelison, and belongs to a family whose members have been associated with the borough of Danville from early days and prominent in local affairs.

Joseph Cornelison located here when Danville was but a small settlement, in striking contrast to the now thriving business center widely known throughout the State for its up-to-date establishments and institutions. He and his family were associated with many of the first industrial enterprises, and to such of her early residents as these does Danville owe its present standing. With wonderful foresight and pride they had faith in the success she would attain, and none who have had the good fortune to see Danville in recent years can doubt the correctness of their predictions. Joseph Cornelison was born in Holland and upon coming to this country first settled in the State of New Jersey, but soon afterwards moved to Danville, Montour Co., Pa., where he established the first blacksmith shop. He followed that line of work the remainder of his life, died in the town, and was laid to rest in Grove cemetery. His wife, whose maiden name was Martin, was also buried in Grove cemetery. They had the following children: Joseph, who was the first male white child born in Danville; William; Jacob, grandfather of Robert Cornelison, mentioned below; Isaac; Cornelius; James; Massey; Mary, Mrs. Yorks; and Anna, Mrs. Best.

Joseph Cornelison, the first male white child born in the vicinity of Danville, was the original owner of the "White Swan" hotel in that town. He had two children by his first wife (whose name we do not know), viz.: John, born July 24, 1811, and Mary, born Feb. 7, 1813. His second marriage was to Letitia Cousart, by whom he had four children: Rebecca, born Sept. 7, 1819, died May 3, 1890, married John Sperring; Jacob, born June 17, 1822, died July 1, 1865, married Phoebe

Eckart; Sarah, born May 19, 1825, died Sept. 13, 1852, married Jefferson Adams; Susanna, born June 29, 1829, died Aug. 9, 1831. The father of this family, born May 17, 1789, died Aug. 18, 1851; the mother, born Aug. 9, 1788, died Sept. 16, 1863. Both the wives of Joseph Cornelison are buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville.

Jacob Cornelison, grandfather of Robert Cornelison, disappeared, and nothing was ever afterwards heard of him. He married Mary McCalment, a native of Ireland.

William Cornelison, son of Jacob, was born near Danville, Jan. 8, 1820, and all his life followed the trade of stonemason in Montour county. He died March 20, 1899. In October, 1848, he married Jane H. Bond, who was born April 28, 1825, in what is now Montour county, daughter of Charles and Margaret (Hunter) Bond, natives of the North of Ireland. Mrs. Cornelison died July 2, 1882. By this union there were four children, of whom three survive: Charles, born Dec. 10, 1852, died Aug. 16, 1856; Robert was born May 3, 1856; William, born July 6, 1859, living on the old homestead in Liberty township, Montour county, is also a carpenter and farmer; Margaret B., the eldest, is the widow of Joseph Dean.

Robert Cornelison had average common school advantages, and subsequently worked out for farmers until eighteen years old, after which he taught school several terms in Liberty township. He then learned the trade of carpenter with James Stecker, of Liberty township, and has ever since been engaged at that calling. For a number of years he worked at his trade in various towns in Pennsylvania—Milton (where he spent three years), Lewisburg (two years) and Pittston (two years), and since 1885 he has been taking contracts on his own account. His employment has taken him all over this section, and he has had considerable work of importance, having built seven silk mills for the Hartman Silk Company. The first of these was the one at Danville, and so satisfactorily constructed that he has erected mills at Buffalo, N. Y., Berwick, Pa., Watsontown, Pa., Susquehanna, Pa., Shickshinny, Pa., and South Danville. Many residences in Danville are also of his construction, and no contractor in this locality has a better reputation for reliability and honesty, and the ability to complete a contract intelligently. He is a member of the carpenters' and contractors' union at Danville, and influential in his community as a man of substantial worth and progressive



ideas. The farm on which he lives in Valley township consists of sixty acres, ten of which are in timber. Mr. Cornelison has not been associated with politics in any way and has no party connections. He has reared his family in the Reformed faith, their connection being with St. John's Church at Mausdale.

On July 24, 1879, Mr. Cornelison married Margaret R. Dyer, who was born in Liberty township, Montour county, daughter of Josiah and Catherine (Corson) Dyer, and died in 1887, at the age of twenty-eight years. She left two children: Charles, formerly a farmer of Liberty township, now a butcher in Toms River, N. J., married Florence Beyer, daughter of Levi Beyer, and they have two children, Donald and Myron. Emma Jane is the wife of Charles Appleman, a farmer, son of Pierce and Mary Jane (Hendricks) Appleman, the latter still living; they have three children, Robert, Earl and Helen. Mr. Cornelison married (second) Jan. 14, 1886, Mrs. Sarah Ada (Bogart) Surber, widow of George Surber, of Liberty township, whom she married Jan. 1, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Cornelison had two children: Aaron Raymond, born June 29, 1890, and Winifred Ada, born Oct. 23, 1892, now the wife of Horace Appleman, a farmer of Valley township; she has one child, Sarah Cornelison.

Mrs. Sarah Ada Cornelison was born Feb. 17, 1857, in Valley township, daughter of Aaron and Anna Elizabeth (Corson) Bogart, of Liberty township, the former of whom was born June 26, 1830, and died March 17, 1908; the latter, born Dec. 3, 1833, is still living. John Bogart, the grandfather of Mrs. Cornelison, was an early settler of Montour county. Her great-grandmother in the maternal line was Elizabeth Hendrickson. The mothers of both wives of Robert Cornelison were sisters. Aaron and Anna Elizabeth (Corson) Bogart had a family of nine children: John; Thomas, who is on the family homestead; Sarah Ada, Mrs. Cornelison; Ellen, wife of William Thomas Madden, of Danville; Dora, wife of Charles Wintersteen; Anna, wife of Frank S. Hartman, of Liberty township; Etta, wife of Daniel E. Hine, of Liberty township; Elmer; and Blanche, wife of Frank Pettibaker, of Liberty township.

JOSEPH HUGH WINTERSTEEN, one of the substantial citizens and representative men of West Hemlock township, Montour county, was born in Valley township, same county, Oct. 12, 1863, son of John W. and Catherine (Crossley) Wintersteen.

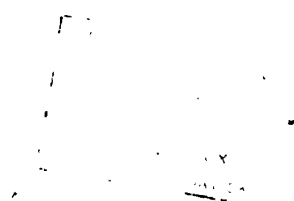
Catherine (Crossley) Wintersteen, mother of Joseph Hugh Wintersteen, was born in Valley township, Montour county, Sept. 22, 1841, daughter of Joseph H. and Mary Ann (Snyder) Crossley. Her father, born in Valley township July 7, 1817, attended at the Sidler schoolhouse and in youth worked for his father, who was a stonemason. Later he engaged in farming in West Hemlock township on a place once owned by Jeremiah Wintersteen (deceased), for eight years, and then moved to Valley township and bought what is now the Almshouse farm, which he operated for fifteen years. After selling that farm he moved to St. Joseph county, Mich., where he followed agricultural work until seven years before his death. He married Mary Ann Snyder, born July 3, 1820, and they had six children: Catherine; Hiram H., born Sept. 19, 1846, now residing in the western part of the United States; Alfred, born Aug. 16, 1848, also living in the West; Wesley, born March 18, 1851, who died Sept. 22, 1872; Susanna, born Sept. 22, 1856, married to Bert Fenstermacher; and Sarah Jane, born June 26, 1861, married to Stephen Fenstermacher. Joseph H. Crossley and his wife were buried in St. Joseph county, Mich. In politics he was a Democrat.

Joseph Crossley, father of Joseph H. Crossley, was born Nov. 15, 1787, and died Oct. 30, 1863. By trade a mason and plasterer, he helped to build the old stone mill at Mausdale, now owned by Philip E. Maus. He always lived in Valley township, Montour county, where he owned a large tract of land. His wife, Catherine (Heimbach), died May 21, 1858, aged sixty-seven years, nine months, one day. They had children as follows: Joseph H. has been previously mentioned; Catherine became Mrs. Koup; Elizabeth married Joshua Stettler; Peter, born Sept. 5, 1819, died March 30, 1892, married Mary K. Mausteller, born Jan. 24, 1827, died Feb. 13, 1902; Margaret married George Budman and lived in Michigan; Rachel married a Rishel; Reuben married Martha Willson; Benjamin, who lived in Michigan, married Mary K. Shultz; Mary A., born Jan. 18, 1827, died Dec. 21, 1905, married John K. Faux, born Feb. 14, 1821, died July 1, 1883; Harriet married Benjamin Kramer; Thomas, born April 3, 1830, died Jan. 13, 1908, married Harriet Lazarus, born Oct. 1, 1833, died Aug. 17, 1872; Jane, born in 1836, died in 1906, married Andrew J. Emmet, born in 1833, died in 1913.

Joseph H. Wintersteen attended school more or less regularly until he was nineteen years



*Joseph H. Wintersteen*



of age, in the Sidler schoolhouse in Valley township, and among his teachers he recalls very kindly Martha Crossley and George B. Kase. He continued to work for his father on the home farm until within six months of his majority, when he went to Maryland, and for a short time tried laboring in the lumber camps. Then he came to Danville, where he was employed for a short period in the State Hospital for the Insane. For one year afterward he worked on a farm for Calvin Shultz, in Valley township, and then engaged in hauling lumber for John Benfield, from Pine Summit, conveying building lumber through two counties. Continuing that work for three years, he returned to the State Hospital and worked three years on the farm belonging to the institution, and it was during this time that he wisely invested in land, purchasing his present farm of 149 acres and 128 perches in West Hemlock township.

After leaving the State Hospital farm Joseph H. Wintersteen moved on his present farm, sixty acres of which are yet in timber. Ever since he has been engaged in carrying on general farming and raising stock, making a very satisfactory showing in both lines, usually having thirty-five hogs to dispose of each year. He is a plain, practical man, interested in his business and thoroughly understanding it, and is numbered with the township's best and most thrifty agriculturists.

On Oct. 8, 1889, Mr. Wintersteen was united in marriage with Mary Elizabeth De Long, Rev. D. L. Fogleman, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Danville, performing the ceremony. She was born June 16, 1861, in Light Street, Scott township, Columbia Co., Pa., a daughter of Peter and Caroline (Troxell) De Long, was educated at Mt. Zion school, in Cooper township, and remained at home with her mother, following dressmaking until her marriage. Her grandparents were Henry and Susanna (Seibert) De Long, the former of whom was born Aug. 4, 1807, probably in Lancaster county, Pa. He moved to Orange township, Columbia county, and from there to near Hidlay's Church in Centre township. All his life he was a farmer, and he owned two properties, one of which is now possessed by his son-in-law, Simon Sitler. He married Susanna Seibert, born Dec. 13, 1806, died June 16, 1868, a daughter of Andrew Seibert. The children of Henry and Susanna De Long were: Peter; Rebecca, who married Henry Hagenbuch and (second) Cyrus McHenry; Hester, who died young; William, who died when aged twenty years; John, who

married Sarah Deitrich; and Elizabeth, who married Simon Sitler. Mr. De Long and his wife were active in the Hidlay Lutheran Church, in which he was an elder, and they were buried in the graveyard there.

Peter De Long, son of Henry and father of Mrs. Wintersteen, was born in Centre township in November, 1830, and died in 1865. He attended school near the old homestead and then learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed nearly all his life, becoming a general contractor, erecting barns and dwellings. Later he moved to Light Street, and subsequently succumbed to an attack of typhoid fever, dying on his father's old farm, to which he had gone in hopes of regaining health. He was buried in the graveyard at Hidlay Church; he was a member of Hidlay Reformed Church. He married Caroline Troxell, who was born in November, 1830, a daughter of Jesse and Fannie (Miller) Troxell, and the children of this union were: William Albert, born April 24, 1858, at Mechanicsville, Montour county; Mary Elizabeth; and Fanny Susan, born Dec. 4, 1865, wife of Joseph H. Baylor. Peter De Long gave his political support to the Democratic party.

Mrs. Caroline (Troxell) De Long, mother of Mrs. Wintersteen, was a woman of unusual qualifications and many admirable traits of character. She was born in Cooper township, Montour county, a daughter of Jesse Troxell, by his second marriage, and grew up on her father's pioneer farm, where she lived until her marriage. After her husband's death she returned to her own people in Cooper township, where she followed tailoring for five years, keeping her children with her. She then kept house for Benjamin Fry for fifteen years, afterward buying the farm of sixty acres in Cooper township on which she died. Her son, William Albert, now operates the farm. She was a member of Lazarus Lutheran Church and was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville.

Jesse Troxell, father of Mrs. De Long, was born at Allentown, Lehigh Co., Pa., and died in Cooper township, Montour county, when over eighty years of age, surviving his four sons. He owned a large farm in Cooper township and devoted his entire life to agriculture. He was twice married, having no children by his first marriage. The second was to Fannie Miller, a daughter of Philip Miller, and they had the following children: Caroline married Peter De Long; Elijah died young; Sarah married Amos Weaver; Salesa is the widow of Joseph Rauch; Emanuel died young; William

died in infancy; Philip died when over twenty years of age; Eliza was next in the family; Fannie married Nathan Krum; Sabina lives at Mechanicsville; Mary married Jacob Hendrickson. Jesse Troxell was a Democrat in politics. He belonged to the Reformed Church and his wife to the Evangelical Church at Bloomsburg, and they were first interred in the old cemetery. That tract of land was subsequently sold and their bodies were removed to the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. Wintersteen have had two children: John Patterson, born Dec. 17, 1890, who assists his father on the farm, was married Sept. 24, 1914, to Ella Rebecca Brobst; Grier Joseph, born Dec. 27, 1904, died March 27, 1905. Mr. Wintersteen and his wife belong to Straub's Church, in Frosty Valley, Valley township, which at the present time he is serving as an elder. Like all his kindred he is a Democrat when it comes to politics. His fellow citizens have more than once shown their confidence in his ability and integrity by electing him to office, and he has served two terms of three years each as school director, and two terms as auditor.

GRANT FENSTERMACHER, proprietor of the "City Hotel" at Danville, and one of the faithful officials of that borough, has resided there since 1886. He was born March 28, 1865, in Columbia county, Pa., son of George Washington and Caroline (Zhanders) Fenstermacher, farming people.

Mr. Fenstermacher received a public school education and in his youth was engaged on the farm. For one year he followed that occupation in Ogle county, Ill. In 1886 he became an attendant at the State Hospital for the Insane, Danville, being thus employed two and a half years, after which he was barber at that institution from March 2, 1889, until he left in April, 1910. Mr. Fenstermacher then opened a restaurant in the "Arcade Hotel," which he carried on for two years, in April, 1912, buying the "City Hotel," which he is now operating. By strict attention to the wants of his guests he has acquired an excellent patronage, which is increasing steadily under his efficient management. Mr. Fenstermacher has been connected with the administration of local affairs as school director and councilman, in both of which offices he served three years. It was during his term as councilman that the electric street railroad was constructed and Mill street was paved. The electric light plant was also built at that time. Mr. Fenstermacher is well

known in the local fraternal bodies, being a past grand of Myrtle Lodge, No. 858, I. O. O. F., at Danville, and a member of the B. P. O. Elks Lodge, No. 754, at Danville. Politically he is a Republican.

On April 14, 1889, Mr. Fenstermacher married Susan May Schultz, daughter of Russell and Catherine Schultz, farming people, of Benton, Columbia Co., Pa. They have one child, Pearl Irene, now engaged as bookkeeper and stenographer.

BARTLEY ALBERTSON, deceased, was a progressive farmer of Greenwood township, Columbia county, and for a number of years a business man at Rohrsburg, in that township, well known in various associations and respected for his dependable integrity demonstrated in all his transactions. He was a native of Fishingcreek township, Columbia county, born May 29, 1849.

Edward Albertson, father of Bartley Albertson, was born in Greenwood township, followed farming, and raised his family on the old homestead. He married Elmira Ikeler, of Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county, and they had a family of five children: Miles is a lumberman at Junctionville, Miss.; Louisa, of Rohrsburg, is the widow of Mathias Kramer, and has had one child; Bartley was next in the family; Clark died leaving a widow (who died in March, 1913), and three sons, who live at Rohrsburg; Eddie lives in New York.

Bartley Albertson was brought up on his father's farm and attended school in the neighborhood. He was successful at general farming, which he followed in Greenwood township, and he showed his enterprise in the purchase of the first traction engine and steam thresher in that township, which he owned and operated for twenty years in connection with his other work. He was also engaged in lumbering to some extent, and for years kept hotel at Rohrsburg, doing well in all those lines. His fellow citizens elected him to the office of supervisor, in which capacity he served them faithfully four years. His political association was with the Democratic party. He attended the Presbyterian Church, and fraternally was a Mason. His death occurred Feb. 22, 1914.

On Oct. 18, 1869, Mr. Albertson married Mary A. Welsh, one of the eleven children of John A. Welsh, of Orangeville, Columbia county. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Albertson: (1) Bruce E., born June 25, 1870, lives on the old farm in Greenwood

township, and has been serving as township collector for the last five years. He married Alta May Whitnight, who died in July, 1898, leaving one child, Edna Leota, born March 11, 1893; she is taking a course of training in nursing. (2) Earnest I., born Nov. 15, 1876, died Nov. 20, 1896. (3) Bertha Lillian, born Dec. 15, 1882, died April 27, 1901.

JAMES BOYD McHENRY, one of the best known citizens of Columbia county, former sheriff and hotel man, was born Feb. 8, 1851, in Greenwood township, son of Benjamin, grandson of Daniel and great-grandson of Daniel McHenry, who founded the family here in pioneer times.

Daniel McHenry, the great-grandfather, was born in the North of Ireland, of Scotch-Irish parentage, and came to this country before the Revolution, in which he fought with the Colonial forces. He was a pioneer settler in Columbia county, Pa., leaving his former home with an ax and six months' provisions, and taking up a claim of six hundred acres in Fishingcreek township (where the borough of Stillwater is now located), later owned by his grandson, Daniel McHenry. He felled trees and built a log cabin, the first building erected in the county north of Orangeville, with the nearest neighbor at that town, six miles distant, and the nearest market at Northumberland, thirty-four miles away. His family was soon established here. He married Mary Stevens, sister of Col. William Stevens, a distinguished officer of the war of 1812, and a well known horseman of Steuben county, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. McHenry had the following children: Benjamin, who owned a part of the old homestead, followed farming and lumbering, and died of yellow fever while going down the Susquehanna river with a raft; Daniel is mentioned below; John was a famous hunter of his day, and was grandfather of John G. McHenry; Uriah was a farmer, and by trade a shoemaker; Moses, born in 1791, died in 1855; Elias, a farmer and lumberman, was occupied all his life in the place where he was born (he was a colonel in the State militia and a very active man in every way); Martha was Mrs. Colley; Susan was Mrs. Edgar.

Daniel McHenry, son of Daniel, above, was born March 27, 1783, in Chillisquaque, Pa., and died on his seventy-ninth birthday. He had seventy-two grandchildren and great-grandchildren. When he grew to manhood he purchased one hundred acres of the original homestead from his father and carried on

farming there to the end of his active years. He married Mary Coleman, who was born in 1792, daughter of Benjamin Coleman, a native of New York State, and died Oct. 12, 1865. Eleven children were born to this marriage: Benjamin, late of Benton; William, of Du-shore, Pa.; Moses, of Beaver township, Columbia county; Uriah P., of Millville; Elizabeth, who married George Laubach (both deceased); Sarah, who married James Edgar (both now deceased); Mary, who married Elisha Albertson, of Greenwood township; Adeline, wife of Thomas Pealer, of Renovo, Pa.; Martha, wife of Jacob C. Carey, of Cambria; Charlotte, wife of George Laubach, of Orangeville; and Joseph F., of Stillwater.

Benjamin McHenry, son of Daniel and Mary (Coleman) McHenry, was born May 13, 1812, in Fishingcreek township, and had the record for longevity in the family, dying May 28, 1905, at Benton, aged ninety-three years, fifteen days. He passed his closing years there in retirement, and is buried at Benton. By occupation he was a farmer, spending practically all his life in agricultural pursuits, and he made a substantial success. After acquiring a common school education he began work. For several years he farmed in Fishingcreek township, moved thence to Mauch Chunk, Carbon county, returned to Columbia county and bought a fine farm of sixty acres in Greenwood township, and during the latter part of the Civil war period conducted the hotel known as the "Cottage Inn," in Fishingcreek township. For twenty-six years he operated a threshing machine, and it is said that he whipsawed more lumber than any other one man who ever lived in the county.

Mr. McHenry married Lovina Conner, daughter of John Conner, a well-to-do farmer in Greenwood township, and her death long preceded his, occurring Oct. 16, 1885, when she was aged seventy-six years, six months, three days. To this union were born children as follows: Montraville, a practicing physician of Exchange, Pa., died Dec. 2, 1910, aged seventy-four years, ten months, nineteen days; Alfred, a blacksmith, made his home in Cambria, Pa.; Norman settled in Fishingcreek township, Columbia county; Thomas C., a physician, died Sept. 7, 1892, aged forty-nine years, six months, twenty-eight days; Ira R. is engaged in the undertaking business at Benton; Mary was the wife of M. Smith, and both are deceased; James Boyd is mentioned below; Lloyd is deceased; Alvaretta is deceased.

James Boyd McHenry was reared in Greenwood township, and attended the Greenwood Seminary. In 1863 he removed with his parents to Fishingcreek township, where he spent three years, and at the age of eighteen went to Cambria, Pa., where he passed four years learning the trade of blacksmith. Locating in Roaringcreek, he later removed to Benton, in 1875, and he continued to follow his trade there until he assumed the duties of sheriff of Columbia county, to which office he was elected in the fall of 1894. Meantime, in 1883, he had built the well known "McHenry House," at Benton, and was its proprietor for ten years before he entered the sheriff's office, and after serving his three-year term he was again proprietor, at different times, for seven years, retiring from that line in the year 1906. The house was burned in 1896, but immediately rebuilt, as a handsome three-story structure, 42 by 80 feet in dimensions. Mr. McHenry also built two large dwelling houses, renting them, and he owns a large farm and personally supervises its management. He was formerly a director of the First National Bank of Benton. A number of years ago he joined the Odd Fellows lodge there.

On Feb. 8, 1871, Mr. McHenry married Maria Moore, who was born Nov. 2, 1849, daughter of George Moore, of Sugarloaf township, Columbia county. Four children have been born to this union: (1) Annetta, born Aug. 26, 1872, died March 14, 1911. She was the wife of William M. Kline, and had two children, Boyd and Edith. (2) Rebecca A., born Aug. 30, 1882, in Benton village, married Harvey Belles, and died April 14, 1908, leaving no children. Mr. Belles is a business man at Benton. (3) Lloyd C., born April 2, 1884, in Benton village, is engaged in the automobile livery business at Benton. He married Nellie Croom, and they have one son, James Edward. (4) T. C., born Oct. 30, 1886, in Benton village, died when six years, six months old.

JOSEPH D. GRESH, late of Washingtonville, Montour county, was born in Northumberland county, Pa., Oct. 11, 1832, son of Jesse Gresh, and grandson of George Gresh. The latter died in Berks county, Pa. His wife was Catherine S. Gresh.

Jesse Gresh, son of George Gresh, was born in Berks county, Pa., and died in 1884, aged seventy-nine years. Leaving his native county with his wife he went to Milton, Pa., and in 1835 located in Derry township, where he

continued farming operations, which occupied him all of his active life. Retiring some time before his death, he resided in a brick house near Washingtonville, at what was called McCormick's Corner. His death was occasioned by an accident, a tree falling on him. Jesse Gresh married Mary Derr, who died in 1872, aged sixty-six years. She was a daughter of J. Derr; his wife was a weaver, and they came from Berks county to Northumberland county. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gresh had children as follows: Joseph D.; Isaiah D., who resides at Milton, Pa.; George, of Washingtonville; Ephraim; five who are deceased; and Sarah, who married Pritt Odell, of New York State.

Joseph D. Gresh, the eldest of the family, was given but few educational advantages, for there were no public schools in the vicinity during his boyhood. He early began farming and brickmaking, securing employment at the latter on the construction work at old Fort Brady, and so continued until he was twenty-five years old. Until 1912 he continued farming in Limestone township, where he settled after he was twenty-five. In that year, however, he sold his farm, and moving to Washingtonville lived retired until his death, Jan. 3, 1914. He is buried in the Lutheran cemetery at Washingtonville.

Mrs. Gresh, whose maiden name was Anna Eliza Bogart, was born May 10, 1837, daughter of John and Mary (Gaumer) Bogart, of Liberty township, and died May 2, 1910, aged seventy-two years, eleven months, twenty-two days; she is buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville. Children as follows were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gresh: Dora married Charles Gibson, of Washingtonville, and has one child, Burgess, born Dec. 19, 1888, who graduated from Jefferson Medical College June 6, 1913, and is now serving a one-year internship in New York and Philadelphia hospitals; Effie N., born July 19, 1860, is the widow of James Boudeman, of Moorsburg (they had no children); Jesse B., born Aug. 1, 1872, is operating a flour mill at Moorsburg, Pa. Mr. Gresh was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Washingtonville. Politically he was a Democrat, and held office as member of the school board, having been a man of sound judgment and wide experience, which he was willing to place at the disposal of his fellow citizens.

THOMAS A. SCHOTT, a retired business man of Danville, was born in Rockland township, Berks Co., Pa., Oct. 7, 1836, son of

Anton Schott and grandson of William Schott.

William Schott was born in the State of New Jersey, and was taken to Berks county, Pa., when a boy by his parents.

Anton Schott died in 1866, aged seventy-two years. He was a native of Berks county, Pa., and farmed all his life. In young manhood he married Harriet Rohrbach, who was also born in Berks county, daughter of Mrs. Susanna Rohrbach. Mr. and Mrs. Schott became the parents of nine children. We have record of the following: Isadore; Rosa, who is married and lives at Philadelphia; Lucinda, who married Charles Seder, of Ringtown Valley, Pa.; and Thomas A.

Thomas A. Schott when only ten years old left school to begin working on his father's farm, and remained at home until twenty-eight years old, when he went to Schuylkill county, Pa. There he found employment in the coal mines, and later turned to teaming, but left that line of business to embark in a general mercantile enterprise in Schuylkill county. After nine years he sold his business and for four years was a salesman for an agricultural implement house. In 1871 Mr. Schott came to Danville, where he continued to handle machinery for four years more, at the expiration of that period buying his present property and beginning to deal in coal. He sold for two years on the canal, and continued in that line for thirty-four years, when he retired. In the meanwhile he was interested in establishing his two sons in the grocery business.

Mr. Schott married Elizabeth Hartman, who was born in Germany, a daughter of Peter and Anna Hartman, and came to America in her childhood. Mrs. Schott died in 1865, the mother of one son, Joseph A. Schott, who is now boss at the Price mill; he married Mary Meinzer, and they have six children. Later Mr. Schott was married (second) to Mollie Hartman, a sister of his first wife, and they have had ten children. We have record of: George, who is in the hotel business at Philadelphia (his wife's name is Anna); Elizabeth, who married Fred Snyder, a machinist of Philadelphia, and has six children; Theresa S., who is manager of a knitting mill at Philadelphia; Anthony W., who is proprietor of a hotel at Sunbury, Pa. (he married Ann Leck and has four children); Harry H., a resident of Philadelphia (he is married and has one child); and Lena, who is at home.

Mr. Schott belongs to the Catholic Church. A Democrat in politics, he has never been an

office seeker. From 1874 to 1887 he was president of the German Society of Danville.

WILLIAM CLARENCE SCHWEPPENHEISER, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Mifflin township, Columbia county, was born in that township July 7, 1871, son of Isaac Taylor and Julia Anna (Puff) Schweppenheiser.

Jacob Schweppenheiser, the grandfather of William Clarence Schweppenheiser, was born in Mifflin township. He married Rebecca Sult, of Salem township, Luzerne Co., Pa., and they became the parents of the following children: Abraham, who married Elizabeth Pendred Clark, and both are buried at Mifflinville; Isaac Taylor; Horace, deceased, who married Frances Seibert, and is buried in Salem township; Lydia, who married John Schrek, and both are buried at Mifflinville; William, who died young, and is buried at Mifflinville; and Fannie, deceased, also buried at Mifflinville. The father of the foregoing children was widely and favorably known to the pioneers of Mifflin township. He was the owner of 550 acres of land, which he cleared, building a small log cabin in which he and his wife lived. This cabin, which has been torn down but recently, stood on the site of the Wyoming Indian massacre, in which several of the Schweppenheiser children had narrow escapes, being compelled to flee to the fort at Catawissa, while the father himself barely escaped death by hiding in a hole in the ground of his little home. He was the first to build a flat at Stony Town ferry, and in numerous ways showed his progressive spirit and enterprise. He held the esteem of his neighbors throughout this section, was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, and in political connection a Democrat.

Isaac Taylor Schweppenheiser, son of Jacob, and father of William Clarence Schweppenheiser, was born in Mifflin township, Sept. 26, 1829, and died Feb. 2, 1908. He was brought up to agricultural pursuits, and reared to habits of industry and integrity, which he followed to such good advantage that he accumulated 600 acres of land, part of this in timber. After clearing his property he erected buildings and made other improvements, and in addition to carrying on general farming with much success was the proprietor of two general merchandise stores. He also contracted for bridges, schoolhouses and other structures.

Mr. Schweppenheiser married Julia Anna Puff, who was born in 1846, and died in 1897,



and they became the parents of the following children: Pardu Abram, born Aug. 17, 1868, moved to Chicago; Jacob Taylor, born Nov. 6, 1869, married and moved to Chicago, Ill.; William Clarence is next in the family; Clarie Elizabeth was born Feb. 18, 1874; Rush F., born May 6, 1876, died Sept. 13, 1877.

A Democrat in politics, Mr. Schweppenheiser was a decided influence for good in his community and served for several terms as a justice of the peace and school director, discharging his duties in a conscientious and impartial manner. In religious matters he was a Lutheran, but did not seek offices in the church.

William Clarence Schweppenheiser, son of Isaac Taylor Schweppenheiser, received ordinary educational advantages in the public schools of Mifflin township, and remained at home assisting his father in the duties of the homestead until reaching the age of twenty-one years. At that time he purchased a property of his own and continued to operate it until after the death of his mother, April 11, 1897, when he sold his farm and went to Berwick. Here he found employment on public works, took up railroading for about one year, and subsequently engaged in the manufacture of candy, but at the request of his people returned to Mifflin township and again engaged in farming, being employed by a number of neighboring agriculturists. In the spring of 1913 he bought his present place, and has continued to operate it since with satisfactory results. He uses modern methods and has advanced ideas, the entire appearance of his property showing the presence of good management, energy and thrift. He is a Democrat in politics and in religious belief a Lutheran, but has not cared for public or church offices.

Mr. Schweppenheiser married Jennie Relotie Nyer, who was born Aug. 31, 1872, in Mifflin township, and to this union have been born two children: William Clark, born April 19, 1900; and Iva Gertrude, born Feb. 10, 1903.

Daniel Nyer, father of Mrs. Schweppenheiser, is a native of Mifflin township, and now spends the greater part of his time in Weatherly, Pa., having retired to some extent from agricultural pursuits, which he has made his life work. Mr. Nyer married Ellen Hartzell, also a native of Mifflin township.

CLARK DELROY ARTMAN, a farmer of Centre township, Columbia county, was

born in Mount Pleasant township, that county, Jan. 6, 1884, a son of Isaac Lewis Artman.

Samuel Artman, great-grandfather of Clark Delroy Artman, was a weaver, and spent the greater part of his life in the vicinity of Schuylers, Pa., residing on a tract of four acres which he cultivated, at the same time carrying on his weaving business, making carpets and various other goods. At his death his son Jonathan inherited his loom. Samuel Artman had the following children: Jonathan was the grandfather of Clark D. Artman; Aaron taught school in young manhood, later became a justice of the peace, and held that office for fifteen years while residing in Lycoming county; Emmanuel was next in the family; Charles was a farmer and school teacher; Daniel, who married Jennie King, was a captain during the Civil war; David was a local preacher and pension official; Lewis was killed in the service during the Civil war; Margaret married Peter Lilly; Mary married a Mr. Devalt and (second) a Mr. Bellman. Politically Samuel Artman was a Democrat. The Baptist Church in the vicinity of Schuylers, Pa., held his membership. He and his wife are buried in the cemetery at Turbotville, Northumberland county.

Jonathan Artman, son of Samuel Artman, was born Sept. 3, 1828, and died Nov. 16, 1886. He was reared in Montour county, attending school at Schuylers, and taught school in his younger days. As was but natural, he learned the weaving trade with his father, and prior to his marriage worked at it in the woolen mills at Briar Creek. For a considerable time he was employed by his brother at Jersey Shore, Pa., and was also with the George Vaners Woolen Mills near Orangeville, Pa. When his father died he inherited the weaving business and devoted himself to it the remainder of his life, his death occurring at Larry's Creek, near Mordansville, Pa., and he and his wife are buried at Millertown, in Mount Pleasant township, Columbia county. In politics he was a Democrat.

Jonathan Artman married Uzilla Kline, a daughter of Harmon Kline, whose wife's maiden name was Fox. Mrs. Artman was born Nov. 4, 1832, and died Jan. 19, 1893. The children of this union were: Mary married Henry Guinter, and lives at Jersey Shore, Pa.; Sarah Jane, who is deceased, married Amos Sallada, of Williamsport, Pa.; George V. married Emma Strausser, and lives at Jersey Shore, Pa.; Harmon, who is deceased, married Della Whitenight, and lived

at Bloomsburg, Pa.; Charles I., who married Clara Cohick, lives in Centre township; Rev. Daniel married Amelia Oaks, and (second) Ida ———; Emmanuel married Susan Hartman, and lives at Light Street, Pa.; Elizabeth married Peter Hillard, of Mordansville; Isaac Lewis is next in the family; Margaret, who is deceased, married George Strausser, of Centre township.

Isaac Lewis Artman, son of Jonathan Artman, was born July 17, 1862, at Mordansville, Columbia Co., Pa., and educated in the schools of Mount Pleasant township. Until he was twenty years of age he worked among the farmers of his neighborhood, and at that age married. He burnt lime in Dutch Valley, Montour Co., Pa., for fourteen years, for David Mauser, and then began farming, buying the property of 160 acres in Mount Pleasant township, on which he still resides. Six years ago he went to work in the bolt and nut department of the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, where he spent a year, acting as foreman, meanwhile leaving his son Clark in charge of his farm. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served as a school director. Fraternally he belongs to Millville Lodge, I. O. O. F., to the Relief Association connected with the American Car and Foundry Company, and to the Grange of the Valley of Millville. He is a member of the Kitchen's M. E. Church, and has been ordained as a local preacher, so that he attends conferences and supplies charges. As chairman of the building committee of Ikeler's Church, of Mount Pleasant township, he gave valuable assistance during the erection of the present church edifice. He is very active in church work of all kinds and has served in all the offices of his denomination, being now a trustee of his church and superintendent of the Sunday school. Few men stand higher in public opinion than he, and his influence for good is very strong and constantly exerted towards moral uplift.

Isaac L. Artman married Henrietta Oman, a daughter of William and Sarah (Crawford) Oman, and they have become the parents of the following children: Clark Delroy; Harry Mauser, who died at the age of sixteen years; Ray Franklin, who is at home; Irene Frances, at home; and Maynard Orland, at home.

Clark Delroy Artman attended the schools of Mount Pleasant township, and spent one year at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., taking an academic course. Following this training he worked by the day on different farms until over twenty-one years old,

spending one year on the farm of J. Frank Kline, at Welliversville, and then worked on his father's property for one year. Later he moved on the McClelland Ikeler farm in Mount Pleasant township, and remained there for two years. Storing his own farming materials he became overseer on the H. C. Barton farm, and after eighteen months went to the J. A. Creasy farm, where he has been for the past three years, farming on shares. A Democrat, he has been township committeeman of Mount Pleasant township. Fraternally he is a member of Espy Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F., and of the Supreme Encampment, I. O. O. F., at Espy. Mr. and Mrs. Artman belong to Centre Grange, and while not connected with any religious denomination they incline towards the teachings of the Methodist Church.

On May 23, 1905, Mr. Artman was united in marriage with Caroline Dreibelbis, a daughter of Amos W. and Anna (Ikeler) Dreibelbis. Mr. and Mrs. Artman have two children: Amos Isaac, who was born March 4, 1906; and Mary Anna, born April 26, 1909.

Elias Dreibelbis, grandfather of Mrs. Artman, was a carpenter in Mount Pleasant township, where he worked at his trade for many years. He lived retired some years prior to his death, which occurred when he was over seventy years old. While on a visit to some of the children in a more Western State he was taken sick, and his son Amos brought him home, where he died about a year later on the old Dreibelbis homestead in Mount Pleasant township. He and his wife are buried at Dutch Hill, in Madison township. He was a Democrat. Although not a church member, he inclined towards the Methodist faith, and his wife was an earnest member and active worker in that denomination, in whose teachings their children were brought up.

Elias Dreibelbis married a Miss Shoemaker, and their children were: Stuart, who is a resident of Seattle, Wash. (his wife's name is Victoria); Amos W.; Frances, who married a Mr. Oman, of Iowa; Justis, who resides in Nebraska; Allie, who married Lloyd Kelchner, of Seattle, Wash.; Emeline, who married Emmanuel Gilbert, of Mount Pleasant township; Myron, who resides in one of the Western States; and Mrs. George Oman.

Amos W. Dreibelbis, son of Elias Dreibelbis and father of Mrs. Artman, was born in Mount Pleasant township, where he was reared and educated. He learned the brick-laying trade after he had attained his major-

ity, prior to that time assisting his father on the farm. Becoming a contractor and builder, he worked at that calling for a number of years, and is now living retired. Some time ago he bought 130 acres, twelve acres of which is in woodland, and he also owns a property at Bloomsburg on which he resided for a number of years, moving to his farm in 1902, and still residing there. Politically a Democrat, he served as a justice of the peace for a long period, was also tax collector, and held other township offices. Mr. Dreibelbis is a member of White's M. E. Church of Mount Pleasant township, which he is now serving as steward; both he and his wife are very active in church work.

Amos W. Dreibelbis married Anna Ikeler, a daughter of Eli and Caroline (Krause) Ikeler, and they have had children as follows: Mary, who is at home; Caroline, Mrs. Artman; Carl, who is a student at the Gettysburg Academy; Elizabeth, who is a school teacher in Centre township; Ida, formerly principal of the Canby schools; Arthur Elias, who is an electrician with the American Car and Foundry Company at Berwick; Esther and Ruth, students at the Bloomsburg State Normal School; and Stuart, who is at home.

Caroline (Dreibelbis) Artman, daughter of Amos W. Dreibelbis and wife of Clark Delroy Artman, was born near Millertown, in Mount Pleasant township, May 24, 1883. She was reared in her native place, and studied in the local schools, also taking a year's course at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. Mrs. Artman joined White's M. E. Church in Mount Pleasant township, but transferred to the congregation at Fowlerville, and is now a member of the Ladies' Aid Society there.

**DANIEL JOSEPH WHALEN**, general superintendent of the Milton, Pa., plant of the American Car and Foundry Company, was born Jan. 1, 1879, in the city of Allegheny, Pa., a son of James Whalen, and grandson of Daniel Whalen, of County Waterford, Ireland.

Daniel Whalen, the grandfather, was born in Portlaw, County Waterford, Ireland, and received what education the schools of the parish afforded at that period. Later he became gamekeeper for the Marquis of Waterford, a position he held for many years. He married Mary Finnerty, and they had the following children: (1) Patrick came to America in the forties, and was never heard of again. (2) Martin came to America and settled in Fall River, Mass. (3) William, a woodturner,

came to America and settled at Manayunk, Pa., for a time, but later, with a companion, took a skiff from Pittsburgh and floated down the Ohio river into the Mississippi river, where he hired out as a fireman on a packet boat. Remaining in that occupation until the war broke out, he entered the Confederate army, and participated in some of the greatest battles of the war, including Gettysburg and Bull Run. After the war he spent the balance of his life in Memphis, Tenn., as chief detective for the Memphis Railway Company. (4) John came to America and became a railroad builder, assisting in the construction of some of the most prominent railroads in the United States, after which he connected himself with Oliver Brothers, of Pittsburgh, iron manufacturers, where he remained until his death. He was twice married. (5) James was the father of Daniel Joseph. (6) Mary left Ireland and went to England, where she became forelady in one of the largest cotton mills. Daniel Whalen and his wife were devout Roman Catholics, and their remains were laid to rest in the parish churchyard of Portlaw, County Waterford, Ireland.

James Whalen, father of Daniel Joseph Whalen, was born in Portlaw, County Waterford, Ireland, and was educated in the parochial schools of that parish. In his early years he worked in the cotton mills, and later went to Wales to learn the iron business in the rail mills of that country. He emigrated to America, and settled in Pottsville, Pa., where he found employment in the coal mines, remaining there for about a year. From that city he went to Danville, Pa., and entered the employ of Waterman & Beaver as straightener in the rail mill. During the flood of the Susquehanna river in 1865 Mr. Whalen assisted in opening up the Pennsylvania canal, from Nanticoke to Sunbury, the flood having made the canal un-navigable. He remained in Danville until the spring of 1866, when he went to Pittsburgh, Pa., and entered the rolling mill on the South side, of which Oliver Brothers were the proprietors, as heater and puddler, continuing in their employ for thirty-six years. He then went with the Pressed Steel Car Company, where he was engaged until the death of his wife, in 1907, at which time he came to Berwick, and spent the remaining years of his life with his son, Daniel J. Whalen. He died in 1911, aged sixty-three years. He married Ellen Maloney, daughter of John and Winifred (Ryan) Maloney, and they had the following children: Daniel Joseph, mentioned below; John and William, who died while young;

James, who was drowned in the Ohio river; Edward, an assistant undertaker, who lives in Allegheny, Pa.; Mary, who died young; and Winifred.

James Whalen was a Democrat, and he and his wife were members of St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church. Mrs. Whalen died when fifty-three years old, and both she and her husband were buried in Calvary cemetery, Pittsburgh.

John Maloney, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Whalen, was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and was raised on a farm. Leaving the farm he went to Wales, where he worked in the coke ovens. On emigrating to America he settled at Johnstown, Pa., where he found employment in the coke ovens, and was later made superintendent of Morrell's Coke Ovens, at Connellsville, Pa., which position he held until 1888, when he retired to live with his daughter Ellen. The last few years of his life were spent in St. Mary's Catholic Home of the Little Sisters, in Pittsburgh, where he died at the age of eighty-nine. John Maloney had the following children: Edward, who married Kate Gallagher; Michael; Mary, who died when she was twenty-three years old; and Ellen, Mrs. James Whalen. Mr. Maloney was a Republican, and he and his wife were devout members of the Roman Catholic Church. Both are buried at Nineveh, near Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Ellen (Maloney) Whalen, the mother of Daniel J. Whalen, came to America with her father, and was raised in Johnstown, Pa., with her two cousins: J. J. Maloney, who is now a retired merchant of Johnstown, and Helen Maloney, who is now deceased, and who married John Edmonds, and moved to Springfield, Ill., in 1885.

Rose Ann Ferris, the wife of Daniel Joseph Whalen, was born and educated in Allegheny City, Pa. Her grandparents, Edward and Anne Ferris, had two children, Patrick and Anna, both now deceased. They were prosperous farming people in the North of Ireland. Her father was born in Ireland, emigrated to America, and settled in Pittsburgh, where he was married to Mary Magreevy, who had preceded him to this country, also coming from Ireland. After their marriage they moved to West Virginia and settled on the farm of his wife's uncle. Mr. Ferris was an expert horseman. After remaining a short time on this farm they moved back to Pittsburgh, and he became stable boss for Oliver Brothers, in which position he continued until his retirement. They were the parents of

twelve children, as follows: Edward; Elizabeth; John, who died aged twenty-six years; Rose Ann, Mrs. D. J. Whalen; Mamie, who married John Kane; Nettie; Gertrude; James, deceased; and several other children who died in infancy. Mr. Ferris was a Democrat. He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church, and is buried in Calvary cemetery, Pittsburgh.

John Magreevy, maternal grandfather of Mrs. Daniel J. Whalen, was a native of Rosconnor, in County Down, Ireland, and lived and died in the house where he was born. He was a son of Daniel and Katie (Rogan) Magreevy. He was educated in Belfast, County Antrim, and became a "schoolmaster." He studied the deaf and dumb language in order to instruct some pupils he had in his school who were both deaf and dumb. His ancestors for many generations followed the nursery business, keeping a large nursery between Ballynahinch and Downpatrick. At the death of his brother, William Magreevy, John Magreevy took up the business and continued in that occupation until his death. He was an educated and highly respected man, was a member of the Roman Catholic Church in the Parish of Loughinisland, and is buried in Saul graveyard, parish of Saul, where St. Patrick celebrated his first mass. He died aged seventy-three years. His wife was a McCormick. Surviving him are the following children: (1) John is on the old homestead, conducting the nursery business. He has a large family, and is well known by many people in this country who go over to visit. (2) Mrs. Crickard, of Pittsburgh, has two sons, John and Patrick, and one daughter, Miss Mary Crickard. (3) Mrs. Edward Ferris, of Pittsburgh, is the mother of Mrs. Daniel J. Whalen. (4) Mrs. Rose Patterson also lives in Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Whalen's great-grandparents on her mother's side were Robert and Margaret (Lim) McCormick. Their family are all deceased.

Daniel Joseph Whalen was educated in the public schools of Allegheny, Pa., and when thirteen years of age started to work in the rolling mills, pulling up doors for the heating furnace. Later he worked in the guide mill. He left the rolling mill and entered the employ of the Schoem Pressed Steel Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of small miscellaneous parts of pressed steel for car equipment, and later manufacturers of complete equipment for steel cars. Mr. Whalen assisted in the building of the first all-steel car constructed

by that company. This company was later sold to the Pressed Steel Car Company. At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Whalen left their employ and entered the employ of the Pittsburgh Bridge Company, a branch of the American Bridge Company, and was made night superintendent, in which position he remained for two years. Then he resigned to enter the employ of the Pressed Steel Car Company as general foreman of the preparation department, where he remained one and a half years. Upon the organization of the Standard Steel Car Company he accepted a similar position with them, and remained until September, 1903, when he resigned to accept a position with the American Car and Foundry Company, at Berwick, Pa., and was advanced to general foreman of construction and erection, and later to general foreman of the steel freight car department; this position he creditably filled until May 1, 1915, when he became general superintendent of the Milton (Pa.) plant of the American Car and Foundry Company.

Mr. Whalen was married in St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., by Rev. Father Ward, to Rose Ann Ferris. They have had the following children: James Joseph, born Sept. 20, 1900, and John Ferris, born May 29, 1906.

Mr. Whalen is a thorough steel car man, having been in that business since pioneer days. He is a Democrat, a member of the Berwick Club, and he and his family are members of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Berwick.

JOHN A. SMETHERS is head of the firm of John A. Smethers & Son, florists, of Berwick, who have one of the largest establishments of the kind in Columbia county. Mr. Smethers was employed for a number of years as an iron molder, giving up that work to engage in his present line, in which he has been decidedly successful. He was born in Luzerne county, Pa., in January, 1851, and his parents were the late John and Elizabeth (Fenstermacher) Smethers.

John Smethers was born in Salem, Luzerne Co., Pa., where he had his home for some time. In early life he followed farming, and by trade he was a blacksmith, coming to Berwick to enter the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Company, with whom he continued during the remainder of his active years. His death occurred in Berwick May 15, 1894. During the Civil war he enlisted in support of the Union, being a member of the 52d Regi-

ment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, from Columbia county, and after taking part in many battles and skirmishes was discharged on account of disability; he returned to Berwick at the close of his service. His wife, Elizabeth (Fenstermacher), who died in Berwick March 11, 1895, was born in Mifflin township, Columbia Co., Pa., a member of one of the oldest families in the county. Seven children were born to her and Mr. Smethers: Sofarus, who lives at Berwick and is married to Catherine Edwards; John A.; Mary, wife of Charles Berlin, of Berwick; James, a resident of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Savilla, who married Rev. F. S. Vought, of Berwick, Pa.; William, of Berwick; and Philip McClellan, of Berwick.

John A. Smethers obtained his education in the public schools of Berwick. He learned the trade of iron molder in the Jackson & Woodin Company's foundry, where he was employed until twenty-five years ago, when he decided to engage in business. As a florist he has been one of the most prosperous in Columbia county, the valuable experience he has acquired combining with his business ability to insure such success that he is regarded as one of the local merchants who help to make a distinctly progressive showing for the town. Six years ago he took his son into partnership in the flower business now being conducted under the name of John A. Smethers & Son. Mr. Smethers has a good record for public service, having been a member of the school board of Berwick for six years. He belongs to the P. O. S. of A. camp and commandery at Berwick, and has passed all the chairs.

In 1872 Mr. Smethers married Alvaretta R. Clossen, daughter of Jacob and Savilla (Smith) Clossen, natives of Columbia county, who lived long in Berwick; ten years before his death Mr. Clossen moved to Light Street, where he died. Mr. Clossen was master mechanic and superintendent in the Jackson & Woodin foundry for many years. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smethers: Katherine, Hurley K. and Annie, the first named employed as a school teacher in Berwick.

HURLEY K. SMETHERS is well known in fraternal circles, holding membership in Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M.; Berwick Caldwell Consistory, A. A. S. R., Bloomsburg, and Irem Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.; Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A., Berwick; and Susquehanna Com-

mandery, No. 18, Knights of Malta, at Berwick. He married Pearl Longenberger. She is a member of the United Evangelical Church of Berwick.

**JEREMIAH RALPH HEACOCK**, of Greenwood township, belongs to a family of French extraction numerous represented in Columbia county. His great-grandfather came to this country from France, and his grandfather was born in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania.

William E. Heacock, father of Jeremiah Ralph Heacock, was born in Greenwood township, Columbia county. Having learned the trade of painter he has followed that calling for the last thirty years, and as he has an excellent education he also engaged in school teaching, regularly for twenty-seven years, previous to taking up painting. During the Civil war he was a loyal Union man, and served three years in the army with Battery F, 2d Pennsylvania Artillery, acting as topographical engineer. He was discharged in 1865 at Wheeling, W. Va. Mr. Heacock married Mary E. Smith, whose family was of German descent; her father was a farmer. To Mr. and Mrs. Heacock was born three children: Jeremiah Ralph; William Earl, who died in infancy; and Ina May, who married Bion Hartman, a farmer, of Waller, in Jackson township, Columbia county.

Jeremiah Ralph Heacock was born in Greenwood township, Columbia Co., Pa., Aug. 27, 1871, and obtained his education in the schools of the home locality. From early life he has been engaged in agricultural work, and for some time he was employed at lumbering. He is now farming in Greenwood township, where his industry and straightforwardness have commanded the respect and good will of all who know him.

On May 31, 1905, Mr. Heacock married Lola Brunstetter, who taught school for three terms before her marriage; she was educated in the common schools and at the Bloomsburg Normal, attending that institution for two years. Mr. and Mrs. Heacock have one child, Reber Ralph, born April 11, 1909. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

**GEORGE BRUNSTETTER**, Mrs. Heacock's father, was a builder and farmer by occupation. His wife, Mattie R. (Kline), a native of Orange township, Columbia county, was a daughter of John Kline, who worked at painting as well as farming. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brunstetter, the only son dying in infancy. The daughters were as

follows: Lola, Mrs. Heacock; Jennie, Mrs. William Kisner, of Pittsburgh; Effie, wife of G. S. Stevens, of Shickshinny, Pa., wholesale confectioner (they have one child, Glenn Z.); Zoe, married to Eli Ensor, a farmer, living at Kettle Falls, Wash. (they have one child, Paul); Ruth, wife of John Lawson, a farmer, of Kettle Falls (they have one child, Leona Roberta); and Laura, wife of William Avery, a farmer (they have one son). The mother of this family died in 1903 and is buried in McHenry's graveyard, Orange township, Columbia county.

**CHARLES M. HESS**, a successful contractor and builder of Bloomsburg, has been engaged in that business there since 1886, and there are many substantial evidences of his workmanship in the city. Born June 3, 1862, at Beach Haven, in Luzerne county, Pa., he is a son of Reuben Hess and a descendant of a family of Swiss origin founded in this country by Samuel Hess, who came to America with a colony of his countrymen in 1712. He settled at what is now Pequea, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.

Jeremiah Hess, great-grandfather of Charles M., brought his family to this section from one of the lower counties of Pennsylvania, settled at Beach Haven, Luzerne county, and followed farming and the trade of stonemason. He died there and is buried in the graveyard at Wapwallopen. His children were: John, Abraham, Jacob, William, Jeremiah, and several daughters.

Jeremiah Hess, grandfather of Charles M., was born at Easton, Northampton Co., Pa., in 1791, and was a boy of twelve when he moved with his parents to Luzerne county, settling in Salem township. He learned milling and followed it for eight or nine years, acquiring property and erecting a mill at Wapwallopen. This he traded for a farm in Salem township and later bought another tract there (part of which he sold), upon which he continued to live the remainder of his life. He followed farming and though he lived retired from active work the last twenty or twenty-five years of his life continued to oversee the cultivation of his farm. He died there Feb. 12, 1877, when eighty-six years old, and is buried at Beach Haven, as is also his wife Mary. They were members of the Reformed Church, in which he took an active interest. He was twice married, the first time to Mary Fenstermacher, born March 11, 1797, in Luzerne county, daughter of Philip Fenstermacher. She died on the farm Feb. 14, 1858. About

two years later Mr. Hess married a widow, Mrs. Ruckle, who died shortly after him. Thirteen children were born to the first union, of whom ten reached maturity, viz.: Philip, born July 13, 1814, married Lavina Smetter Jan. 26, 1837; Stephen, born Jan. 13, 1816, died March 26, 1816; Susan, born March 30, 1817, married John Fenstermacher March 8, 1838; John, born March 10, 1819, married Elizabeth Herter Dec. 4, 1845; Mary Magdalena, born March 17, 1821, married Thomas Brader March 2, 1851; Jeremiah M., born Feb. 22, 1823, married Maria Pohe Jan. 26, 1843; Nathan, born March 6, 1825, married Sina Sprohl Dec. 5, 1848; Aaron W., born Nov. 30, 1827, married Hetty Bittenbender Jan. 2, 1855; Elizabeth, born June 25, 1829, married Charles Hill May 25, 1848; Reuben, born Aug. 4, 1831, married Lavina Knorr Jan. 1, 1857; Catherine, born April 4, 1835, married Frederick Hill Jan. 12, 1854, and died at Dixon, Ill.; a son, born Sept. 20, 1836, died the same day; Amanda, born May 25, 1838, died Jan. 28, 1844.

Reuben Hess, now the only survivor of the family above named, was born Aug. 4, 1831, in Salem township, Luzerne county. He was reared to farming and followed that work until twenty-one years old, when he began boating on the Pennsylvania canal. After ten years of such employment he commenced farming on his own account in Salem township, where he continued to live for twenty-two years, finally moving to Bloom township, in Columbia county. There he settled at the mouth of Fishing creek, buying a farm on which he remained for two years, until his retirement. He then moved to Bloomsburg, where he resides at No. 155 West Third street, enjoying well earned leisure after a busy and useful career. Mr. Hess is one of the oldest Odd Fellows in Columbia county, having joined the order in 1867, and he is a past noble grand. He is a member of the Methodist Church, and a Democrat in his political views.

On Jan. 1, 1857, Mr. Hess married Lavina Knorr, daughter of Thomas and Polly (Sherman) Knorr, and they have had five children: Mary A., who died when six years old; Ida, who married A. J. Learn, of Bloomsburg; Charles M.; Cora, who married David Jones, and died in 1900; and Reuben Harry, of Berwick, Columbia county, engaged as a mail carrier.

Charles M. Hess began his education at Beach Haven, attended public school, and later studied at the Bloomsburg State Normal School. From an early age he became familiar with farm work, which he followed with his

father until twenty-four years old. He then took up carpenter work at Bloomsburg, and after following same for two years as journeyman engaged in business for himself, in 1886. His principal contracts have been for dwellings and barns in Columbia county, though he has also put up six houses in Wilkes-Barre. He has built eight in Berwick, eight in Rupert, two in Espy and over forty in Bloomsburg, including his own fine residence at the corner of Third and Leonard streets, which he erected in 1894.

Mr. Hess is well known in local fraternal circles, belonging to the I. O. O. F., the Red Men and the P. H. C. His religious connection is with the Methodist Church and he is a Democrat on political questions.

On Dec. 7, 1885, Mr. Hess was married to Miriam A. Depew, who was born April 20, 1854, at Dixon, Lee Co., Ill., and was a daughter of Jonathan and Annie (Kleintob) Depew. She died Feb. 8, 1912, aged fifty-seven years, and is buried in Rosemont cemetery at Bloomsburg. Mr. and Mrs. Hess had one daughter, D. Mae, now the wife of Norman Cox and residing at Bloomsburg.

Jonathan Depew, father of the late Mrs. Charles M. Hess, was in his earlier life a resident of Luzerne county, Pa., and was a farmer by occupation. Thence he moved West in 1847 with his wife and family, then consisting of five children, the journey from Pennsylvania to Illinois being made by wagon and taking thirty-seven days. They settled in Lee county, Ill., where the parents passed the remainder of their lives and are buried. They had the following children: Alexander A., who was a soldier in the Civil war and served as flag bearer; Rosanna; Miranda; Charles; Frances; Fidelin; Sarah Jane; and Miriam A., who married Charles M. Hess.

THEODORE PARKER is a farmer of Greenwood township and a member of one of the most respected families of that part of Columbia county. His parents, Humphrey and Rebecca (Lemons) Parker, were natives of Greenwood township, where they farmed on the place occupied and operated by their son Theodore. In his earlier years Humphrey Parker kept hotel at Millville. His family consisted of five children, viz.: Joseph, married Clara Staley, and has had three children, only one surviving; he was a farmer in Greenwood township, and is now living in Hughesville with his son. John, also a farmer in Greenwood township, died Jan. 9, 1913; he married Harriet Staddon, and they have had



several children, one deceased. Harvey is deceased. Theodore is on the home farm. Laura is deceased.

Theodore Parker was born Feb. 28, 1856, in Greenwood township, and obtained a good education in the local schools. Farming has always been his occupation, and he has always lived on his father's land in Greenwood township, where by his thrifty and prosperous career he is keeping up the reputation which attaches to the name he bears.

On Oct. 7, 1880, Mr. Parker married Narcissa Rote, daughter of Daniel Rote, a farmer of Madison township, whose children were as follows: David, who is a farmer in Pine township, Lycoming county; Mary, Francis, James, William, Margaret, Milton, and Regina, all deceased; and Narcissa, Mrs. Parker. To Mr. and Mrs. Parker have been born three children: Mildred, born June 19, 1883, who is at home; Bernice, born March 29, 1886, married to William Hoover and living at Detroit, Mich.; and Edward B., born June 19, 1889. Mr. Parker and his family attend Friends' Meeting. There are no residents of Greenwood township more thoroughly respected.

JOHN W. SHUMAN, retired farmer and justice of the peace, now living at Bloomsburg, Pa., was born April 26, 1847, at Mainville, Columbia county, son of Isaiah Shuman, of Main township. His grandfather, Jacob Shuman, came from Germany to America during the settlement of the county, and located at Mainville, where he owned a large tract of land.

Isaiah Shuman, father of John W., was born in Main township, and there gained his education in the little log schoolhouses of the time. He carried on general farming and operated the "Mainville Hotel." He was a Democrat in politics, but never held office. He was a devout member of the Lutheran church. His wife, Mary Ann, was a daughter of Philip Miller, of Espy, and their children were: Abraham, who married Mary Knapp and (second) a Miss Evans; Erastus, who married Amanda Gruver, and lives in Fort Wayne, Ind.; John W., mentioned below; Lloyd, living in East Bloomsburg; Mary, deceased, buried in Mainville; and Harriet, who also lies in the Mainville cemetery.

John W. Shuman was educated in the schools of Mainville and in Kingston (Pa.) Seminary. After graduation he taught school in Mainville for three winters, working on the farm in the summer. During the Civil war he enlisted, Sept. 14, 1864, in Company B,

210th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers, under Lieut. J. P. Evans, the company afterwards being under the command of Capt. J. N. Hughes. He was sent to Troy, N. Y., to be examined, and then returned to Mainville on a furlough of ten days, and was ill for two weeks. After his recovery he was ordered to Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, and mustered in, being then sent to the front at Petersburg, Va. He participated in the fights at Hatcher's Run, Five Forks, Stony Creek, and in the skirmishes when the railroad was torn up during Weldon's raid. In the latter raid he was taken ill and forced to drop out of the ranks, but remained right along with his regiment, going back to Appomattox Court House by way of Richmond, and was present at Lee's surrender. He was mustered out with an honorable discharge on May 30, 1865, at the age of eighteen, one of the youngest of the veterans of the time.

After the end of the war Mr. Shuman went to Selinsgrove and there attended school, and then in partnership with his step-father bought a farm of two hundred acres at Mainville, which he continued to operate until in the spring of 1907, he retired to live in Bloomsburg. The farm is now rented to Frank Hendershot. Mr. Shuman was married to Harriet E. John, who was born Aug. 30, 1847, daughter of Jesse and Mary (Low) John, the father a native of Wales. To Mr. and Mrs. Shuman were born seven children: Jesse E., born July 30, 1869, married Mazie John, and is practicing medicine in Bloomsburg; Warren N., born Nov. 29, 1878, is practicing medicine at Jersey Shore; Dora, born Aug. 15, 1871, died Nov. 13, 1879, and is buried in Mainville; Mary F., born June 7, 1873, died Nov. 11, 1879, and is buried in Mainville cemetery; Myron B., born July 2, 1881, died May 25, 1909, and is buried in Rosemont cemetery, Bloomsburg; Howard O. was born June 16, 1886; Louise E., June 9, 1888.

Mr. Shuman is a member of the Methodist Church and very active in its affairs. When the Mainville Church was built in 1880 he gave the ground upon which it was erected. He is a Democrat, and has taken a warm interest in the success of his party. While a resident of Mainville he served as school director, constable, tax collector and justice of the peace, holding the latter office for ten years, first by appointment and then for two terms by election. He was a candidate for associate judge of Columbia county, on the Democratic ticket, but failed to obtain a majority. He has high standing in Masonry, being a



past master of Catawissa Lodge, No. 349, and has attained the thirty-second degree.

REV. THEODORE B. SHAFFER, late pastor of the Christian Church at Berwick, Pa., was born in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, Feb. 24, 1869, son of David and Caroline (White) Shaffer.

David Shaffer, the grandfather of Rev. Theodore B. Shaffer, was born in Germany, and when a young man came to the United States, settling in Briarcreek township, where he became a prominent agriculturist and owned several farms. He also took an active part in local political affairs and was widely known in Columbia county.

David Shaffer, son of David, and father of Rev. Theodore B. Shaffer, was born March 6, 1833, on his father's homestead farm in Briarcreek township, Columbia Co., Pa., and was here engaged in farming to the time of his death, which occurred Oct. 27, 1877. He married Caroline White, born Jan. 24, 1847, daughter of John D. White, an agriculturist of Fishingcreek township, and she still survives, residing at Berwick. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer: Hon. Charles A., of Berwick, a member of the State Legislature; Rev. Theodore B.; Torrence L., of Sayre, Pa., in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company; Fannie M., the wife of Ira Bower, of Berwick; and J. David, who is also in the employ of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company at Sayre, Pa. The mother remarried, becoming the wife of Ira Letteer, and by that union had one child, Eltha, now the wife of James Armstrong, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Mr. Letteer is also deceased.

Theodore B. Shaffer, son of David Shaffer, received his early education in the country schools of Briarcreek township, and spent his boyhood on the home farm. Later he became clerk in a store at Berwick, and after a short period went to Catawissa, where for about one year he continued clerking. At the end of that time he entered the academy at Orangeville, and finally became a student in the college at Ada, Ohio, whence he went to Plymouth, Pa., and established himself in the mercantile business. About twelve months later he went to Shenandoah, Pa., where he continued in business for three years, but eventually sold out and removed to Wilkes-Barre. While there he demonstrated his public spirit and courage by taking up alone the fight for free bridges, and later secured the support of the people generally, seeing his earnest efforts bear fruit in 1899, when the

Berwick bridge was declared free. He was the organizer of the Free Bridge Association, and in this connection became so widely known all over Luzerne county that he was made Republican candidate for the office of county commissioner, but owing to political conditions at the time met with defeat at the polls. Later Mr. Shaffer moved to Sayre, Pa., where he became connected with the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company as special officer, and subsequently was made chief of detectives for the company. He resigned his position in January, 1910, to accept the pastorate of the Christian Church at Berwick. Here he continued to officiate until his death, and few pastors have been more generally beloved by their people. He had taken an active and intelligent interest in political affairs, and had ever aimed to elect the man best fitted for office. His fraternal connections were with the Blue Lodge, F. & A. M., at Sayre, Pa., Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F., and Washington Camp No. 105, B. O. S. of A., at Berwick. Mr. Shaffer died Nov. 18, 1913, from the effects of an accident he had while assisting to build the tabernacle for the Dr. Henry W. Stough evangelistic campaign at Berwick.

On April 25, 1893, Rev. Mr. Shaffer was married to Alice B. Golightly, who was born May 10, 1866, in Newcastle, England, daughter of Joshua and Alice (Greener) Golightly, who were born June 9, 1836, and June 27, 1840, respectively. They were natives of England and came to this country at an early day, locating at Plymouth, Pa., where the father was superintendent of one of the mining companies, being an expert miner. He met an accidental death in 1893, and his widow died Nov. 15, 1911. They were the parents of four children: Thomas J., a resident of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Mrs. Shaffer, widow of Rev. T. B. Shaffer; Elizabeth, who is the wife of Charles Renshaw, of Sayre, Pa.; and Joshua, who lives at Wilkes-Barre.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer, namely: Theo T., born March 24, 1894, was a student in Albright College, Myerstown, Pa., for one term, and is now employed in the finishing department of the American Car & Foundry Company at Berwick; Alice Caroline, born June 15, 1895, is making her home with her mother.

JOHN CADMAN, a veteran of the Civil war, and a retired business man of Bloomsburg, was born in England in 1836, son of Enoch Cadman.

Enoch Cadman was born in England Jan. 31, 1812, and died at Bloomsburg, Pa., March 26, 1898; his remains were laid to rest in Rosemont cemetery. In young manhood Enoch Cadman came to the United States and settled at Bloomsburg, Pa., where he became an iron miner, and continued in this line of work until within seven years of his death, when he lost his sight. A Methodist in religious belief, he took great comfort in his church, especially after his affliction. Enoch Cadman married Emma Hazeltine, and their children were: Joseph, who died in Bloomsburg; Mary, who married John Frey; John; Enoch; Rebecca, who married Nathan Tovey; and James. Mrs. Cadman died March 12, 1852, aged forty-five years. Mr. Cadman then went to Hemlock township, where he lived for a couple of years, marrying (second) while there Betsy Robins, by whom he had two children, Martha and Charles.

John Cadman, son of Enoch Cadman, was only a child when his mother brought him to join his father in the new home beyond the seas. The lad grew up in Bloomsburg, and was educated in the common schools there and in Hemlock township. He worked in the mines until he and his father commenced taking mining contracts, and continued thus until 1910, working at various places in Columbia county.

Enlisting during the Civil war in Company E, 103d Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Mr. Cadman served until the close of the war, or for a period of seven months. Upon the organization of Ent Post, G. A. R., he joined that body, and has been an enthusiastic member ever since. A Republican, he has served in the city council, but resigned on account of an enforced absence from the city owing to his business contracts. The family belong to the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Cadman was married to Bridget Barrey, born in 1843, who died in 1893. They had children as follows: Benjamin F., who is living at Millville, Pa.; Mary C., who is at home; Paul, deceased; John, who is living in St. Louis; William, a resident of Jerseytown, Pa.; Charles E., who is living at Hughesville, Pa.; and Emma, who is a public school teacher of Bloomsburg, living at home.

GUS PATRICK, proprietor of the North Berwick Bottling Works, was born at Alburty, Lehigh Co., Pa., Nov. 10, 1877, son of August and Christina (Stuches) Patrick. His great-grandfather was a native of Scotland

and removed from there to Germany, probably when a young man.

Jacob Patrick, the grandfather, was born in Germany, and has spent his long life there. When his relatives in America last heard from this venerable member of the family he was ninety-four years old and still lived on his farm near Hanover.

August Patrick, the father of Gus Patrick, was born and reared in Germany. When he came to the United States he located first in Lehigh county, Pa., and found employment in the steel mills there. Later he moved to Mahanoy City, in which neighborhood he went to work at coal mining, continuing in that dangerous calling until he lost his life in a mine accident, June 1, 1892. He married a daughter of Abraham Stuches, both natives of Germany, where the father was a farmer, this marriage taking place in Germany. When Mr. and Mrs. Patrick came to America they had three children, and five more were born on this side of the Atlantic ocean. All died early except the youngest, Gus, and none of the others was living at the time of his birth. The mother died in November, 1888.

Gus Patrick obtained his education in the public schools of Mahanoy City, after which he learned the baker's trade, including the allied business of candymaking, his instructor being Fred Reidinger, whose business is still continued there. However, Mr. Patrick did not care to follow this trade, and when the Spanish-American war broke out he determined to become a soldier. He enlisted in Company E, 8th Pennsylvania Volunteers, from Mahanoy City, and during his eleven months of service was stationed with his regiment at Camp McKenzie, Camp Hastings, and at other points, and when he was mustered out, at Camp McKenzie, Ga., it was with the rank of corporal. He still retains a lively interest in his comrades and is a member of Jamison Camp, Spanish-American War Veterans.

After being mustered out of the army Mr. Patrick came to Berwick, and here entered the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company, with which concern he continued work until 1904, when he changed to the Berwick Consolidated Gas Company. He remained with that corporation until 1908. On July 17th of that year he established his present bottling business, and also was with the gas company until the end of that year, since which time he has devoted himself entirely to his own enterprise, operating the only bot-

tling works in Greater Berwick. He manufactures all kinds of soft drinks.

Mr. Patrick married Sadie Pauline Ramer, who was born in Beaver valley, Columbia county, a daughter of Josiah and Sarah Ramer, who are residents of Berwick, Mr. Ramer being in the employ of the borough. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick: Emily, born Dec. 17, 1897, who died when five weeks old; Florence, born Dec. 14, 1899; Beatrice, born June 22, 1901; Bertha, born Sept. 20, 1902; Harrison, born Jan. 10, 1904; Gordon, born Aug. 3, 1908; and Frederick and Floyd Albert, twins, born July 22, 1912, the latter dying when two months old.

Mr. Patrick and his family belong to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. He is identified fraternally with Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.; Berwick Aerie, No. 1280, F. O. E., of which he is a past president; and Berwick Lodge, No. 1138, B. P. O. Elks. In politics he is a Republican, and he held the office of school director one term in Briarcreek township.

IRVIN VANNAN, Sr., general manager of the Danville Foundry & Machine Company, was born at Scranton, Pa., Oct. 12, 1860, a son of Forbes H. and Emaline (Parr) Vannan. His educational training was obtained in the public schools at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and at Wyoming Seminary, Kingston, Pa. After completing his schooling he went with the Wyoming Valley Manufacturing Company at Wilkes-Barre (now the Vulcan Iron Works), and served his apprenticeship to the machinist's trade; his father was master mechanic of the works.

Having finished his term of apprenticeship, Mr. Vannan moved to Danville, and entered the employ of the Montour Iron and Steel Company, for which his father, Forbes H. Vannan, was then master mechanic. There he served an apprenticeship at mechanical drafting. Having acquired a practical as well as theoretical knowledge of his business, he was well fitted to take a position of importance. Leaving Danville, he went to the General Oliver Powder Mills at Laurel Run, near Wilkes-Barre, and was made the master mechanic, which position he filled for six months. Having a desire for broader experience in his chosen work, he left the powder mills and took a position with the Dixon Manufacturing Company, of Scranton, being given charge of the laying out of all their work in the shop. His duties required a technical knowledge of mechanical

drafting. After remaining there one year he returned to Danville, becoming master mechanic of the Mahoning Rolling Mill Company, under F. P. Howe. His work was there for two years. Having made a reputation, his services were in demand, and he was next engaged, in 1888, by the Lukens Iron & Steel Company, of Coatesville, Pa., assuming the duties of master mechanic and superintendent of new construction. In this capacity he laid out and erected the plant, which today is one of the largest of its kind in this part of Pennsylvania. He remained with the Lukens Company for a period of sixteen years and then returned to Danville, where he was engaged by Curry & Co., and was made assistant to Mr. Curry. At the death of Mr. Curry the company was reorganized and bought the present plant, forming what is now the Danville Foundry & Machine Company. In 1905 Mr. Vannan was made general manager, which position he still holds. Undoubtedly Mr. Vannan inherits mechanical ability from his father, Forbes H. Vannan, who was one of the best master mechanics of his time, and his talents have developed through experience until he has an amazing grasp of all the details of the business under his care.

On July 26, 1883, Mr. Vannan was married, at Danville, Pa., to Sarah Antrim, who was born in Dewart, Northumberland Co., Pa., daughter of William L. Antrim, a descendant of the Antrim family from County Antrim, Ireland, and his wife Hannah Comley Hammond, born in Milton, Pa., a descendant of Friends stock. Mr. and Mrs. Vannan have had the following children: (1) Paul A., born in Danville, March 25, 1885, is a member of the firm of which his father is general manager; he married Helen Ireland, and they have one child, Frederick Forbes. (2) Forbes, W., born in Scranton, Pa., April 4, 1887, died Sept. 17, 1887. (3) Irvin, Jr., was born in Coatesville, Oct. 26, 1895, and (4) William Donald was born in Coatesville, Sept. 17, 1897.

Mr. Vannan is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, which he is serving as treasurer of the board of trustees, superintendent of the Sunday school, and leader of the choir. Fraternally he is a member of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 859, I. O. O. F., of Scranton, Pa., and of Montgomery Council, No. 962, Royal Arcanum.

FRED KELLEY SMITH, clerk in the time office of the American Car and Foundry Company, Berwick, was born in Milton, North-

umberland Co., Pa., May 9, 1887, son of Jacob Smith and grandson of William Smith.

William Smith, the grandfather, was born in Clintondale, Pa., June 15, 1824. He was a puddler and heater by trade, following that occupation nearly all of his life. During the war of the Rebellion he served under two enlistments in the Northern army, first entering Company B, 5th Pennsylvania Reserve Regiment, Volunteer Corps, Infantry, on May 27, 1861, for three years' service. He was mustered in June 21, 1861, and saw considerable active service before his discharge, on account of disability, Feb. 7, 1863. Later he served another term, was taken prisoner by the Confederates, and was confined in both Libby and Andersonville prisons. Mr. Smith married Lavina Long, who was born in Howard, Pa., on Dec. 30, 1829, daughter of John Long, and they had children as follows: John, deceased, married Annie Wolf; Jacob, deceased, married Mary M. Thomas, and they were the parents of Fred K. Smith; William died when ten years old; Milford married Ida Slusser; Oran married Lottie Knecht (deceased) and (second) Dora Miller; Ella, deceased, married William Sparing; Jennie married David East; Clara died unmarried; Ceanie married Albert Gunther; Susan married Henry Williams. The parents of this family died at Berwick, Mr. Smith Oct. 17, 1887, and Mrs. Smith Aug. 1, 1901, and are buried there, in Pine Grove cemetery. Mr. Smith was a member of Capt. C. G. Jackson Post, G. A. R., of Berwick, and belonged to the Presbyterian Church of Berwick when Rev. Mr. Dickson was pastor. Politically he was a Republican.

Jacob Smith, son of William, was born at Crescent, Lycoming Co., Pa., Sept. 17, 1855, and was educated in the schools of Howard, Pa. He learned the trade of roller, at the age of sixteen entering the Jenkins rolling mill at Howard, as catcher. Later he went to Milton, Pa., where he was catcher in the Jenkins & Schoyer rolling mill, and after a time moved to Millvale, Pa., working as catcher in a horseshoe mill at that place. Subsequently Mr. Smith went to Bellefonte, Pa., and entered the Valentine wire mill, where he worked as a rougher. Leaving there he took employment at Milesburg, in the mill of Lynn & McCoy, and thence returned to Howard for a short time. Afterwards he went back to Milton as extra roller in the Jenkins mill and when he left went to Williamsport, Pa., and worked as rougher, on the 18-inch mill in the Valentine rolling mill. From Williamsport he changed to Providence, R. I., and worked as rougher

in a horseshoe mill, coming back to Pennsylvania and working at Howard and Milton successively. Then for about twenty-two years he was established at Berwick, Pa., in the employ of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, advancing from rougher to roller. Moving to Zanesville, Ohio, he made only a short stay there, returning to Berwick for a brief period. He was next at Scranton, Pa., where he was employed as roller and roll turner for three years, after which he was again at Berwick, spending fourteen years in the Berwick plant of the American Car and Foundry Company (formerly the Jackson & Woodin establishment). He died Feb. 10, 1913, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick.

On Oct. 17, 1881, Jacob Smith was married to Mary M. Thomas, who was born Jan. 2, 1860, in Howard, Pa., daughter of Isaac and Carolina (Dry) Thomas, and three children were born to them: William A., born July 29, 1882, married Lillian Wolf and has children, Mary Bernice, Florence Minerva, Eleanor Gertrude and Nathel Phyllis; Fred K. is second in the family; Walter S., born Nov. 5, 1889, married Etta Sponenberg, and has children, Helen Smith, Clara Jean and Fred William.

Mr. Jacob Smith was well known in local fraternal bodies, belonging to Berwick Lodge, No. 246, I. O. O. F.; Washington Camp, No. 105, P. O. S. of A.; and Lieut. E. S. Griffin Camp, No. 8, Sons of Veterans, of Scranton, Pa. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church of West Berwick and active in its work, serving as a trustee at the time of his death. In politics he was a Republican.

Fred K. Smith was educated in the public schools of Berwick and West Berwick. His first regular occupation was as call boy in the rolling mill of the American Car and Foundry Company, and he continued in that capacity for nine months. In 1903 he entered the steel plant of the same company and was a rivet heater for two years, after which he was employed in the outside shop offices for one and a half years. He was promoted to the time office as clerk under chief time clerk George F. Brockmann, and has been employed in that capacity to the present time.

On March 25, 1913, Fred K. Smith married Lula Seiwel, who was born Feb. 21, 1894, and they have one child, Christine Mary, born May 28, 1914.

Fred K. Smith has numerous social connections in the borough, holding membership in Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., Berwick;

Berwick Camp, No. 126, Woodmen of the World; Col. A. D. Seely Camp, No. 25, Sons of Veterans; the Grinders Club of West Berwick (charter member), which he has served as secretary for two years; and he belongs to the Berwick Band (J. O. Boyles, director), playing the bassoon. He is also well known as a piano player, having played in the different orchestras, including the J. O. Boyles orchestra at Berwick and Alexander's orchestra, of Bloomsburg. His religious connection is with Calvary Methodist Church, of West Berwick, and he serves as assistant organist and also has charge of the orchestra in the Sunday school. As may be inferred Mr. Smith is very much interested in music, and he has taken an active part in the development of musical interests in the borough. Politically he supports the Washington Progressive party, and he has acted as election inspector.

Isaac Thomas, maternal grandfather of Fred K. Smith, was born April 23, 1812, and died Jan. 1, 1881. He was a forgerman by trade and was an expert in his line, following that occupation all his life in Bald Eagle Valley, Pa. He married Carolina Dry, who was born at Tyrone, Pa., Dec. 25, 1815, and died June 20, 1905. To their marriage were born children as follows: George D. died in a hospital at Washington, unmarried; Isaac married Nancy Holden, who is deceased; Harry married Hannah Wetzel; Furlim, John, Thomas, William, Lizzie and Nancy died unmarried; Margarite married Joseph Bush; Mary M. married Jacob Smith; Rebecca married George Regel, who is deceased.

During the Rebellion Isaac Thomas, Sr., served the Union cause as a member of Company H, 110th Pennsylvania Regiment, and his son, George D., served in the same company and regiment with him. Shortly after his return from the war Isaac Thomas had both his legs cut off below the knees at Tyrone, Pa., on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad; he was given a life pass on that road. He lived for eighteen years afterwards, traveling around on short crutches, and died of apoplexy, aged sixty-nine years. He is buried at Howard, Pa., while his wife, Carolina, is interred in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick. Politically he was a Democrat. He was a crack shot with the muzzle-loading rifle manufactured in his time.

EDWARD FOREST BOWER, of Berwick, has taken a good citizen's part in promoting the conditions most desirable in a community of modern standards. Both in the

pursuit of his chosen calling and as a supporter of moral issues he is a recognized force for good among those interested in local questions of vital importance. Mr. Bower is a son of Noah Newman Bower and a grandson of Solomon H. Bower, and belongs to a family which has been settled in Briarcreek township, Columbia county, for several generations.

George Michael Bower (called Michael), the first ancestor in America, was born in Germany, and came to this country at the age of thirteen years, taking up the occupation of a farmer. He first purchased a farm in the Lehigh valley, in Pennsylvania, after his marriage locating in Kutztown, Berks county, and later, in the latter part of the eighteenth century, settling in Columbia county, where he purchased a partially improved farm in Briarcreek township of a Mr. Disserand, a Frenchman. At the time that section was sparsely settled and there was but a single house where Berwick is now located. Mr. Bower cleared some 120 acres, which land is now owned by John Fester, and there resided the remainder of his life. His wife's maiden name was Hill, and to their union were born the following children: Jacob, Michael, Solomon, Daniel, Phelina, Catharine and Abraham. Of these, Solomon was the great-great-grandfather of Edward F. Bower, and his son Solomon was the great-grandfather.

Solomon H. Bower, the grandfather, was born in Briarcreek township, and there owned a small tract of land, which he cultivated. Besides taking care of his own land, he worked for neighboring farmers, and also followed various other occupations, laboring in the limestone quarries. He married Boawn Lockard, daughter of Alexander Lockard, and the following children were born to them: James McClellan, who married Amanda Benscoter; George Hurley, who married Ella Yohey; Noah Newman; Freas J., who married Dorcus Dewitt (she is deceased); Harry R., who married Ora Adams; Joseph L., married Minerva Moore and (second) Carrie Hidlay; and John, deceased. The parents were buried at Summer Hill, in Briarcreek township. Mr. Bower was a Democrat in political sentiment.

Noah Newman Bower, father of Edward F. Bower, was born Jan. 25, 1857, in Briarcreek township, and was educated in the township schools. For a number of years he was in the employ of The Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company at Berwick, becoming an experienced car builder. He gave up this work to follow farming, owning a tract of fifty acres at Summer Hill and Foundryville, in Briar-

creek township, which he still operates. He carries on general agriculture, and in connection does carpenter work. He has taken some part in local public affairs, having served as school director and several terms as tax collector. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party. He attends the Methodist Church. Mr. Bower married Alice Martha Rhinard, who was born Nov. 20, 1857, daughter of Daniel and Ellen (Eckrote) Rhinard, who died at the age of thirty-two years. She is buried at Summer Hill, in Briarcreek township. Mr. and Mrs. Bower became the parents of the following children: Edward Forest; Frank H., who married Cora Mack; Laura M., wife of Frank Hess; John E., residing in Briarcreek township; Jennie I., wife of Dallas Thrash; and Arthur L. and Myrtle R., who reside at Berwick.

Edward Forest Bower was born Sept. 28, 1876, in Briarcreek township, and there received his early education in the public schools. For two terms he was a student at the Genoga Institute, Jamison City, Pa., and prepared himself for the teacher's profession, which he began to follow in 1893. For one term he was engaged in Fishingcreek township, and then for five terms in Briarcreek township, after which he took up business pursuits, entering the employ of the Berwick Store Company as a clerk in the auditing department, under J. F. Long. His experience in this position covered two years, and he followed it with six years in the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company, at Berwick, in various capacities. He was first in the freight house, was baggage master for a time, and later was in the car service department and acted as clerk in the freight house. When he gave up this work he rented the farm of his father-in-law, Henry Garrison, a tract of 108 acres in Salem township, Luzerne county, which he cultivated for about two years. Returning to the employ of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad Company at Berwick, he spent another two years as clerk in the car service department, after which he resumed teaching, to which he has since devoted all his time. Mr. Bower taught two years in Salem township, Luzerne county, thence changing to Briarcreek township, Columbia county, where he taught the Millers school for one year and one year at Foundryville. For the last two years he has had charge of the seventh and eighth grammar grades in the school at North Berwick, where his services have been highly satisfactory to all concerned. Mr. Bower makes his home in Berwick, in the residence at No. 316 East

Sixth street, which he erected about thirteen years ago. He has always been ready to give time and attention to movements which he considers beneficial to the general welfare, and he has been specially active in such affairs as a prominent member of the Bower Memorial United Evangelical Church, at Berwick, and its allied enterprises. He has been a member of the official board of the congregation, and served as secretary of the board for three years. For eight years he has been class leader, has served one year as president of the Keystone Christian Endeavor League, and he now has the young women's class in the Sunday school, which he has been teaching for seven years. Mr. Bower's ability and experience as an educator have made him valuable in this field also, for he organized a teachers' training department at the Sunday school and taught in it for two years, and he is now district superintendent of the teacher training in Sunday school district No. 1, of Columbia county. Mr. Bower has taken little direct part in public affairs, that is as an office holder, though he has served as clerk in Briarcreek township. Politically he is a Democrat. Socially he is a member of Susquehanna Commandery, Knights of Malta, Berwick.

In 1899 Mr. Bower married Mary C. Garrison, who was born April 1, 1870, in Salem township, Luzerne county, and there received her early education, later taking a two years' course in the Bloomsburg State Normal School. Though she prepared for teaching she remained at home until her marriage. Like her husband she is a prominent worker in the Bower Memorial U. E. Church, and is one of the assistant teachers of the Sunday school. Mr. and Mrs. Bower have had three children, born as follows: Russel Woodward, March 31, 1901; Howard Leroy, June 25, 1903; and Mabel Arline, April 6, 1906.

Mrs. Bower is the great-granddaughter of Matthias Garrison, who served in the Revolutionary war from New Jersey. He lived in Amwell township, Hunterdon Co., N. J., later in Sussex county and Knowlton, Warren county, same State, where he died. By occupation he was a farmer. His wife, Elizabeth (Fortner), born July 13, 1744, died July 13, 1825, aged eighty-one years, and is buried at Mifflinville, Pa. Their children were: Mary, wife of Emanuel Kirkendall; Jacob, who married Annie Seeley; Joseph, who married Mrs. Annie (Seeley) Garrison; Benjamin; Matthias; Elizabeth, wife of Edmond Freeman; and Rachel, who married Matthias Fisher.

Benjamin Fortner, Mrs. Elizabeth (Fort-

ner) Garrison's father, was a son of Benjamin Fortner. His wife, Isabelle (Douglass), was a daughter of Lord Archibald Douglass (son of James Douglass), born in 1691, at Bothwell Castle, Scotland, and died in 1781, at Glasgow. Her coming to America and subsequent experiences before her marriage were very trying. Her father first married Jane Edmunds, who bore him the following children: Isabelle, James, Sholto, Joseph, Jane and Charles. When he remarried the stepmother practically made a servant of Isabelle, who finally decided to leave home. She started for America with a lady bound for Philadelphia, but the vessel was captured by pirates, who brought the passengers to Philadelphia, but released only those who could pay ransom. Isabelle was practically sold as a slave, her time being bought by a man from Amwell township, Hunterdon Co., N. J., then at Philadelphia on business. He took her to his home, expecting her to work out the sum he had paid. There she met Benjamin Fortner, who fell in love with her, and they worked together to accumulate enough money to redeem her. After their marriage they lived for a number of years in Hunterdon county, N. J., where nine children were born to them; two more children were born after their removal to Sussex county, N. J., where both Mr. and Mrs. Fortner died.

Matthias Garrison, son of Matthias and Elizabeth (Fortner) Garrison, was born in East Orange, N. J., Oct. 30, 1777, and lived in New Jersey until after his father's death, when he removed to Pennsylvania. In December, 1800, he married Susanna Seeley, who was born Feb. 24, 1784, and by whom he had a family of twelve children: Elizabeth, born Dec. 8, 1801, married Joseph Brierton, and died in Illinois; Elsie, born Nov. 6, 1803, married Jacob Cope, of Moore's Church, Salem township; Benjamin died young; John, born Aug. 8, 1808, moved to Illinois in 1845; Sarah died young; Rachel, born March 22, 1811, married Enoch Walton; William Garrison, born July 23, 1813, married; Nathan, born Dec. 3, 1815, married a Miss Seybert and (second) Rachel Lyons; Mary, born Jan. 12, 1818, died when three years old; Matthias, born April 24, 1820, married Mary E. Girton; Jacob, born Aug. 25, 1822, died young; Susannah, born Sept. 15, 1824, married William H. Harris.

On Nov. 29, 1832, Mr. Garrison married (second) Mary White, who was born Nov. 17, 1797, and by whom he had these children: Alem B., born Nov. 30, 1833, died when ten years old; Henry, born Jan. 31, 1836, married Abigail Brader; Martha, born July 6, 1837,

died young; Joseph, born July 26, 1840, married Sidney H. Pollock; Drusilla, born Aug. 16, 1842, married Tobias Henry.

Henry Garrison, father of Mrs. Edward F. Bower, was born Jan. 31, 1836, in Salem township, Luzerne county, where he was reared and educated. He assisted his father at home with farm work until his marriage, at which time he moved to Bloomsburg, Columbia county, rented a farm near that town, and was engaged in its cultivation for a few years. Then he was at Nanticoke, Luzerne county, where he carried on a huckstering business for some years, later settling in Salem township, Luzerne county, where he bought a tract of one hundred and eight acres, about five acres of which is in timber. He cultivated that place until six years ago, when he rented the property and moved to Berwick, where he has since lived retired. Mr. Garrison was formerly a member of the Stone Church in Salem township, and very prominent in all its work, serving as exhorter, class leader and steward. He is now united with the Bower Memorial U. E. Church, at Berwick, and one of the zealous workers in that organization. Politically he is a Democrat, and while residing in Salem township held the offices of poor overseer and school director. Mr. Garrison married Abigail Brader, who died June 15, 1899, and is buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick. The following children were born to this union: Elliott W., deceased, married Sarah Wright; Jacob S. married Ella Martz; Charles B. married Lizzie Phillips; Mary C. is the wife of Edward Forest Bower; Thomas J. resides at Berwick; Harry L. married Jennie Seibert; Irvin M. married Lillian Seibert.

MRS. MARY ELIZABETH CLAPP, who is now a highly esteemed resident of Waverly, N. Y., has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances at Danville, Pa., where she was born and educated. Her father, James Cornelison, belonged to an old family of Montour county and was born at Danville, where he became a man of substance and of business importance. For a number of years he followed the blacksmith's trade, afterwards embarking in the mercantile business, and for thirty years conducted a general store in the old Dean property on Mill street, retiring about ten years before his death. He married Margaret Ryan, a daughter of Alexander and Margaret (Stewart) Ryan, and the following children were born to them: Isaac, who became a noted Presbyterian minister, married Agnes Forsythe, of Northumberland, Pa.;



Stewart, who was superintendent of the Bloomsburg division of the D. L. & W. Railroad, with offices at Kingston, Pa., married Rebecca Smith, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Robert Dunlap never married; Mary Elizabeth became the wife of Henry Clay Clapp; Margaret is the wife of Daniel Connolly, of Scranton, Pa. The parents of the above family are buried side by side in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Danville. They were members of the Mahoning Presbyterian Church. In politics the father was a Republican.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Clapp was reared in a home of plenty and completed her education in the Danville Academy. In her native city she was married to Henry Clay Clapp, who was born at Athens, Pa., of solid old Quaker stock. He was a son of a prominent man of Athens, Nathaniel Clapp, who served several terms in the State Legislature. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Clapp: Margaret, who is the wife of Allen Kirby, agent for the D. L. & W. Railroad, at Nichols, N. Y., and they have one child, Henry Clay Kirby; Mary Elizabeth, who is the wife of Henry Clay Thatcher, a shoe merchant at Detroit, Mich., and they have two children, Walter Scott and Henry Clay Thatcher; and Henry Clay, cashier of the Carson City Valley Bank, who is interested also in mining.

At the time of his marriage Henry Clay Clapp was engaged in the construction of the Brooklyn waterworks, the contractor for the same, and during the period of building Mr. and Mrs. Clapp resided in Brooklyn and Jamaica, Long Island. When the above contract was completed Mr. Clapp went to Scranton, Pa., where he engaged in railroad contract work for the D. L. & W. Railroad Company, building tunnels and doing general railroad work. He secured the contract, which he sublet, to double track the D. L. & W. system from Binghamton to Buffalo, N. Y. He was widely known for the number and importance of his contracts and for the complete efficiency which marked his every effort. For a number of years prior to his death he lived retired, and he is buried at Waverly, N. Y. In spite of a rugged early life, as demanded by his profession, Mr. Clapp was able to retire in early middle life, apparently in good health, hence his sudden death, which occurred in New York City, where he had gone to meet his daughter returning from school, was a great shock to his family and friends. He was an honorable and law abiding citizen, but was never willing to accept public office. He voted with the Republican party.

Although Mrs. Clapp continues to reside at Waverly, she by no means has forgotten or lost interest in her girlhood home. Frequently she visits in Danville, and keeps in repair the comfortable residence her father built here.

RALPH G. PHILLIPS, of Bloomsburg, is a representative of an old family which came into this section from Sullivan county, Pa., where Washington Phillips, great-grandfather of Ralph G. Phillips, lived and died. He was twice married, his son, Henry G. Phillips, grandfather of Ralph G., being born to the first union.

Henry G. Phillips was born in Sullivan county, Pa., and settled at Bloomsburg in the early days of the town. He was an ore smelter by trade and followed that business during his early years, but for many years he clerked in the store of the Irondale Company at Bloomsburg, where his death occurred. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah A. Swisher, was a daughter of John Swisher, and was born and reared at Jerseytown, Columbia Co., Pa. They had one son, John S.

John S. Phillips was born at Bloomsburg, where his entire life was spent. In youth he learned the trade of printer, which he followed throughout his active years, and at one time was owner in part with Daniel Beckley of the *Columbia County Republican*. However, he sold his interest in the paper after a brief connection therewith, and engaged in job printing, which he carried on as long as he remained in business. He met an accidental death on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad at Bloomsburg. On Feb. 14, 1854, Mr. Phillips married Mary Gross, daughter of Zebelian P. and Louisa R. (Cook) Gross, and she survives him, now residing on Main street, Bloomsburg. Two children were born to this union: Ralph G. and Frank D. The latter, born Feb. 11, 1879, is a traveling photographer, at present in California.

Ralph G. Phillips was born April 14, 1872, in Bloomsburg, where he obtained his education, attending the common schools and later the State Normal School. When fourteen years old he commenced to learn photography under H. A. McKillip, and he had barely reached his majority when he engaged in business on his own account in 1893. When the First National Bank building was erected he established himself there, and he has a thoroughly up-to-date studio with all facilities for turning out the high-grade work for which his establishment has become well known. During the summer season Mr. Phillips goes to



Eagles Mere, Pa., where he also has a studio, and by enterprising business methods combined with a thorough familiarity with the artistic and technical requirements of the profession he has succeeded in building up a patronage which is still showing steady expansion. In his personal relations with his fellow men Mr. Phillips has exhibited the same desirable qualities which have characterized all his business transactions, and he is a much respected citizen though he has never had any desire to take part in public affairs.

Mr. Phillips married Jessie B. Ent, and they have five children: Dreyer E., Marian L., Ralph G., Jr., Alonzo and Mary. In religion Mr. Phillips is an Episcopalian.

Mrs. Phillips is a granddaughter of Peter Ent, who was born in Roaringcreek township, Columbia county, Feb. 11, 1811, son of Charles and Elizabeth Ent. He was a carpenter and contractor, and during the later years of his life carried on a mercantile business and also an iron furnace at Light Street. He was a prominent Democrat, and was serving as one of the county commissioners when the county seat was removed to Bloomsburg; was collector of tolls at Beach Haven; was elected a member of the House of Representatives of Pennsylvania, and served two terms, 1856-57, and was a delegate to the Democratic convention at Charleston, in 1860. He died in 1876 at Light Street.

Uzal H. Ent, son of Hon. Peter Ent, was born Jan. 13, 1838, at Light Street. He obtained his education in the public schools there, and enlisted Oct. 1, 1861, in Company D, 84th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, becoming first lieutenant and serving until October, 1862, when he was honorably discharged on account of physical disability. He participated in the following engagements: Winchester, Port Republic, Cedar Mountain, Thoroughfare Gap and second Bull Run. On leaving the army he came home, and in 1863 enlisted as an emergency man; was made captain of Company H, 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Militia, and served about six weeks; was under fire at Hagerstown, Md., while following up Lee's army on its retreat to the Potomac. He then returned to Light Street, and was engaged in farming and milling for ten years. In November, 1879, he was elected sheriff of Columbia county, serving three years, and was subsequently employed as bookkeeper in Krug's planing mill. He died Aug. 4, 1890. Mr. Ent was married June 10, 1863, to Helen M. Martz, of Pottsville, Schuylkill Co., Pa., and they had six children: Alonzo M., Ramsay M., Oscar

W., Nellie M., Jessie B. and Minnie E. Mr. Ent was a member of Oriental Lodge, No. 264, F. & A. M., of Orangeville, and also of the G. A. R. In politics was a Democrat. The family attend the Episcopal Church.

Griffith John, the ancestor of Ralph G. Phillips on the distaff side, was born in Pembroke, South Wales, in 1683. With many others of that locality he emigrated to Pennsylvania, landing at Philadelphia, Feb. 11, 1709, and settled in one of the Welsh townships in the district known as the "Welsh Barony." On July 23, 1714, he was married to Ann Williams, daughter of Robert Williams, surnamed "the King of Goshen." About 1714 he purchased a farm in Uwchlan township, Chester county, being one of the first settlers there. He had six sons and six daughters, most of whom removed to other parts of the State, settled and raised large families. One of his sons, Martin John, was the builder of the first house in Armstrong county, Pa., and his descendants are numerous in that section of the State.

Griffith John, Jr., son of Griffith, was born in Uwchlan township, Chester county, Aug. 26, 1729, and was a farmer, as was his father before him. On March 13, 1752, he married Sarah Lloyd, daughter of Humphrey Lloyd, and they reared one son and six daughters, namely: Abia, Rachel, Leah, Mary, Grace, Hannah and Rebecca. One son died in infancy. All of these children in later years became residents of Northumberland and Columbia counties. After the death of his wife Griffith John, Jr., moved to Shamokin township, Northumberland county, and there died Aug. 21, 1811, his remains now lying in the burying ground at Roaring Creek, that county. His only son, Abia John, is buried in the Friends' burying ground at Catawissa, Pennsylvania.

Hannah John, daughter of Griffith John, Jr., was born in 1765. She married David Phillips, who was born in 1762 and died May 21, 1813, and their children were: Rebecca, David, Abia, Stephen, William, John, Daniel, Griffith, Sarah and Hannah. The children resided in parts of Northumberland, Sullivan and Columbia counties. Judge M. J. Phillips of Muncy Valley, Sullivan county, is a son of Griffith Phillips, above. Abia Phillips also resided in Sullivan county, and had two children, George Washington and Joseph Reese. The children of Joseph Reese Phillips were: Matilda, Kate (Fry), Joseph, Amelia and Margaret. The latter is the wife of D. N. Dieffenbacher, superintendent of the Danville public schools.

OSCAR E. LETTEER, postmaster at Berwick, Columbia Co., Pa., was born in Fairmount township, Luzerne Co., Pa., April 19, 1879, a son of Samuel and Elizabeth A. (Harrison) Letteer.

Samuel Letteer came of French stock. He settled in Luzerne county, Pa., became a farmer, and in 1885 moved to Greenwood township, Columbia Co., Pa., where he was engaged in farming from that time to 1892, in which year he went to Jamison City, Pa. That place continued to be his home until 1909, when he came to Berwick, where he died Dec. 22, 1912, aged seventy-seven years. His wife was a daughter of Dillinger Harrison, a school teacher and farmer, who spent his life in Luzerne county, dying at Register, that county. Mrs. Letteer resides at No. 411A Walnut street, Berwick, Pa. She and her husband had seven children, all living: Alice D., Mrs. Tubbs, of Bloomsburg, Pa.; Emma, who married R. J. Force, of Berwick; Catherine, who married A. C. Taylor, of Delta, Colo.; Jessie, who married A. C. Young, of Berwick; Fannie L., who married O. E. Smith, of Gouldsboro, Wayne Co., Pa.; Harry J., a graduate of Poughkeepsie College, who lives at Williamsport, Pa.; and Oscar E. The five daughters all taught school.

Alice Delphine Letteer was born May 20, 1860, near Fairmount Springs, Luzerne county, and resided on a farm during her school days. After leaving school she taught the Red Rock, Montgomery, Harrison, Hoover and Broadway schools, in Luzerne county, and the Dodson, Davis and Mountain Grove schools, in Columbia county. Subsequent to her marriage she taught one term at the Hoover school, near her old home. On May 30, 1882, she was married to Frank Emory Tubbs, who was born June 11, 1860, in Luzerne county, and died May 15, 1900; he is interred in the Bloomsburg cemetery. He was a farmer, and later engaged in the manufacture and sale of fertilizers. They had but one child, Beulah Vesta, born April 26, 1889, who graduated from the Bloomsburg high school in 1906, and from Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa., in 1908. On April 23, 1913, she was married to Augustus Frank Bachinger, a native of Montour county, born July 27, 1886, and a representative of the American Tobacco Company. Mr. and Mrs. Bachinger have one son, named after his father, born Jan. 10, 1914. All of this branch of the family are residents of Bloomsburg.

Oscar E. Letteer was educated in the local schools in Columbia county and the State

Normal at Bloomsburg, and took a business course at Scranton. After completing his schooling, Mr. Letteer clerked in a store at Jamison City, Pa., and later became associated with the Central Pennsylvania Lumber Company, continuing with this concern for seven years as assistant to the woods superintendent. In 1906 he came to Berwick and in July entered the employ of the American Car and Foundry Company, in its finishing department, continuing with them until December of that year, when he went into the office of J. R. Sutton as clerk. In 1908 he severed this connection to engage in his present business, and now represents all the leading old-line insurance companies in both fire and life, also handling some of the most desirable real estate in the township. Mr. Letteer was appointed a justice of the peace by Governor Tener in the spring of 1911 and was elected to the office in the fall of that year. He has also served as deputy tax collector, holding that office during 1908. On Sept. 9, 1913, he was appointed postmaster at Berwick, by President Wilson. Fraternally he belongs to the Elks lodge (No. 1138) at Berwick, the Berwick Odd Fellows lodge (No. 246), and the Sons of Veterans, being qualified to membership in this on account of his father's war record.

On April 14, 1904, Mr. Letteer was married to Erla M. Hirleman, a native of Columbia county, born May 24, 1880, daughter of Charles and Mazie (McHenry) Hirleman, both natives of Columbia county, where the father has been an engineer for many years; he is now residing at Jamison City. Mrs. Letteer is one of four children: Mrs. Letteer; Walter, who resides at Newark, N. J.; Eva, who married Firm Smith, of Benton, Pa.; and Hazel, who is living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Letteer are members of the Christian Church. They have a daughter, Eloise.

JOHN A. KEPNER, superintendent of the wood car erecting department of the American Car and Foundry Company, was born Jan. 3, 1850, in Perry county, Pennsylvania.

The Kepner family is of German ancestry, and settled first in this country in southeastern Pennsylvania, probably Berks county. From there the great-grandfather of John A. Kepner removed to Juniata, Pa., where the grandfather, Jacob Kepner, was born. Jacob Kepner engaged in agriculture, and also conducted a transportation business between Juniata and Baltimore. The trip took about six weeks for each outfit, going and coming, and was the

only available way of marketing the farm products, and securing the supplies necessary for the various communities. Six horses were necessary to haul the old-fashioned wagons, as the roads were rough, and in place almost impassable. Jacob Kepner died in Perry county and was buried there.

Daniel A. Kepner, the father of John A., was born Jan. 25, 1825, in Perry county, Pa., near Newport. As a young man he learned the builder's trade, which he followed successfully in the various towns on the Juniata river, and along the west branch of the Susquehanna. He was for many years a local and itinerant minister of the United Evangelical Church, and later was ordained as a minister of that denomination. He received only such education as the common schools of the locality afforded, but his natural ability as a speaker and reasoner won him recognition in his vicinity as one of its leading citizens. In politics he was a Whig, and later united with the Republican party, voting for Lincoln at his first election. He took a deep interest in the raising of troops for the Civil war, and had charge of the funds of his township for that purpose.

In 1847 Mr. Kepner married Leah Christ, who was born Oct. 9, 1826, daughter of John Christ, one of the early settlers of his locality, and of German ancestry. Their children were as follows: Levi H., who lives at Millerstown, Pa.; Annie, who married Joseph Hause, now living at Hagerstown, Md.; John A., mentioned below; William; Jacob and George, who reside in Berwick, Pa.; Harriet, who married Nathan Fry and lives in Juniata county, near Thompsettown, Pa.; Norah, who married Abner Stutz and lives at Thompsettown, Pa.; and Rev. Daniel L., who married a Miss Kerchner, and now lives at Hughesville, Pa., where he is pastor of the United Evangelical Church. Daniel A. Kepner died April 1, 1901, his wife Feb. 7, 1894; they are buried at Millerstown.

John A. Kepner received his education in the common schools, and later attended the New Berlin Seminary, in Union county, where he fitted himself for teaching, an occupation which he followed for several years in Union and Luzerne counties. In 1873 he entered the employ of the DuPont Powder Company, in Luzerne county, where he remained for eight years. While a resident of that section he was elected justice of the peace, serving until his removal to Berwick. On June 7, 1881, Mr. Kepner entered the employ of the Jackson & Woodin Manufacturing Company, and has been with this firm and its successor, the

American Car and Foundry Company, to the present time, covering a period of over thirty-three years. He was promoted at various times, and in 1910 was appointed superintendent of the wood car erecting department, which position he still holds.

On Jan. 30, 1870, Mr. Kepner married Lydia Myers, of Slocum township, Luzerne county. Children as follows were born to this marriage: Edward B., now in the mercantile business at Philadelphia, married Lynda Long, daughter of C. C. Long, of Danville, Pa.; Ada L. married William Krug, now living in Berwick, Pa.; Harry, Frank and Lillian all died young. Mrs. Kepner died April 20, 1904, and was buried in Pine Grove cemetery, Berwick. In 1906 Mr. Kepner married (second) Ella J. Stackhouse, daughter of Nelson B. and Priscilla (Franklin) Stackhouse.

In politics Mr. Kepner is a Republican in national affairs, but independent in local matters. He has served his townsmen as burgess of Berwick, and has taken an active interest in the affairs of his party in town, county and State matters. Mr. Kepner is a member of the Methodist Church, and has served as a member of the official board for twenty-six years. He also served as superintendent of the Sunday school for several years, and has been a liberal contributor to that church and its various activities. He was one of the first to join the Y. M. C. A. of Berwick, and has served continuously as a member of the board of directors for thirty-three years. He was chosen vice president and served in that capacity for one year, and was president for three years. He is one of the earnest workers of the institution, which has done so much for the young men of Berwick, and is ever ready to give his time and means to the advancement of its interests. Mr. Kepner is a Past Master of Knapp Lodge, No. 462, F. & A. M., which he has served as secretary for twelve years.

JOHN FEDORCO, notary public and proprietor of a general store and steamboat agency at West Berwick, Pa., was born in Austria-Hungary in 1877, son of George and Anna (Senglar) Fedorco.

George Fedorco, father of John Fedorco, was born in Austria, as was his wife Anna (Senglar). In his native country he was engaged in mining. Leaving the land of his birth in 1881 he emigrated to the United States, locating in Mahanoy City, Pa., where he followed his chosen vocation until his death, which occurred April 20, 1903. He and his wife had but one child, John.

John Fedorco, son of George Fedorco, accompanied his mother to America in 1890, and from New York City, where they landed, proceeded to Mahanoy City, joining the father. Shortly thereafter he secured a position with the Philadelphia & Reading Coal & Iron Company, and after two years with that concern became a clerk in the establishment of M. Mayernik, of Mahanoy City. Five years later, when his employer sold his business, Mr. Fedorco entered the employ of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, and continued with that concern for five years, until he became private secretary for John Fisher, banker, remaining with him two years. He came to West Berwick in September, 1904, and established himself in business as the proprietor of a modest general store, and through his able management, skill and business acumen his patronage has grown to large proportions. He handles foreign money orders, conducts a first-class steamship agency, and has a large stock of general merchandise, his specialties being the famous Crown furnaces and Globe ranges. His establishment, at Nos. 1144-46-48 Freas avenue, at the corner of Warren street, is one of the important business houses of West Berwick, and his activities in the field of trade and commerce have materially added to this community's business prestige.

On Nov. 13, 1905, Mr. Fedorco was married to Mary A. Polchik, who was born in Austria-Hungary, and was brought when a child to America by her parents, Andrew and Teresa (Yuhos) Polchik, who are still living. There were three children in the Polchik family: Mary A.; Anna, who is the wife of Joseph Ceperko; and Joseph. Mr. Fedorco has long been prominent in fraternal circles as a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the West Berwick Grinders, the National Slavonic Society, the First Catholic Slavonic Union and others. He and his wife are members of the Roman Catholic Church at Berwick.

MILLARD WILBUR HICKS, merchant, of Berwick, is a member of a worthy family of Columbia county known here for over a century, the posterity of Jesse Hicks, a member of the Society of Friends who established himself in this region in 1800. He had been living in Bucks county, and in the year mentioned brought his family to Luzerne county and located along the Susquehanna river, about six miles northeast of Berwick. Here, the topography of the land lending itself especially to the purpose, he erected and operated a ferry

for the transferring of people and property across the river, and this point became known as "Hicks' Ferry." Among his family was a son, Mahlon, born in 1790, who engaged with his father in the ferry business until the time of the war of 1812, then being waged between England and the United States. He had left his home to join the war, and proceeded as far as Northumberland when he learned that his services were not required. Starting home, when he reached Centre township, in Columbia county, he engaged himself to Joseph Millard as farmer, and in 1816 married the only daughter, Phoebe, remaining upon the same premises until his death, which occurred in 1868. There were born to this union nine children, five sons and four daughters, as follows: Benjamin, Joseph, Jesse, Mordecai, Rebecca, Phoebe, Mary, Mahlon and Anna.

Jesse Hicks, the third son, having reached such age as to be of service, returned to the ferry business of his grandfather, where he assisted his brother, Benjamin, who had assumed charge of it for several years. While there he became acquainted with Mary Jane, the daughter of Alexander Hughes and Mary (Willets), his wife, and having returned home in 1846 he married Miss Hughes and opened a grocery store at what is known as Willow Grove, on the farm of his father, near the canal, catering especially to the canal trade. Jesse Hicks built the brick house now the property of Leone Cryder and also the frame house now the property of Samuel Conner estate at this point, and continued the mercantile business there from 1846 until 1876. To the union of Jesse Hicks and Mary Hughes were born seven sons: Mahlon A., Willett Millard, D. Webster, William C., Jesse Leoni, Benjamin Beach and Charles, the last two dying in infancy.

D. Webster Hicks was married Sept. 14, 1872, to Lydia Seybert, the daughter of Reuben and Lydia Seybert, and to them were born the following children: Charles L., Jesse Reuben, Millard Wilbur, Anna J., Mildred M., Sterling W. and Mary J., of whom Millard Wilbur, Mildred M. and Sterling W. survive at this writing.

Millard Wilbur Hicks was born March 20, 1879, at Orangeville, Columbia Co., Pa., and began his education in the Orangeville schools, later attending the Scranton Business College. He served three years, 1904 to 1907, in the United States regular army, being a member of the 80th Company, Coast Artillery, and was discharged at Key West, Fla., as sergeant of his company. Returning to Berwick, he en-

tered the mercantile business, in which he is still engaged, having built up a profitable grocery trade during the eight years he has given his attention thereto. In his earlier manhood Mr. Hicks was a bookkeeper at Scranton for four years. In matters affecting the public welfare he supports the best element and the best movements without regard to party affiliation, and he shows his desire to cooperate in the promotion of local interests by his membership in the Business Men's Association. Socially he belongs to Camp No. 105, P. O. S. of A., and to Nest No. 1212, Order of Owls, and his religious connection is with the First Methodist Church of Berwick.

On June 21, 1900, Mr. Hicks was married, at Binghamton, N. Y., to Augusta Titchen, who was born in 1880 in Bradford county, Pa., third daughter of John and Mary (Carr) Titchen, well-to-do farming people of that county. Her father, a native of Germany, came to this country when twelve years old, and during the Civil war enlisted from Troy, Bradford Co., Pa., serving three years and nine months in the Union army. After the war he started farming on his own account, and continued at that calling until his retirement, a few years before his death, which occurred eight years ago, in 1907, at the age of seventy years. By thrift and farsightedness in his labors he became a well-to-do farmer, and he and his family were respected throughout the neighborhood. He married a member of the John Carr family early settled in the vicinity, and she died nine years ago, when sixty-three years old. They had two sons and five daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks have had three children: Pearl, born in Bradford county, July 21, 1901; Josephine, who died in infancy; and Millard Wilbur, Jr., born Sept. 23, 1907, in Bradford county.

**WILLIAM SHOEMAKER**, son of Michael and Levina (Heacock) Shoemaker, was born May 31, 1844, in Greenwood, Columbia Co., Pa. He enlisted in the Union army June 17, 1863, joining Company C, 28th Regiment, Pennsylvania Emergency Men, and was discharged July 28, 1863. On Feb. 24, 1864, he reenlisted, becoming a member of Company D, 188th Pennsylvania Volunteers, and was discharged May 22, 1865, at the McClellan U. S. A. General Hospital, Philadelphia, on account of wounds received while in action at Cold Harbor, Va., June 3, 1864. Mr. Shoemaker in his younger days was a patternmaker, but since the organization of The American

Car and Foundry Company has been identified with them in various capacities. Mr. Shoemaker was married Sept. 4, 1869, to Frances Ebert. Their son, Michael Ellsworth Shoemaker, born April 23, 1871, died Jan. 14, 1910, leaving one child, James Harris Shoemaker, born Nov. 27, 1906. Bertha, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Shoemaker, born May 30, 1875, married William James Harris, July 12, 1900.

**WILLIAM M. C. RUSSELL**, of Danville, is a member of a family long settled at Washingtonville (Derry township), Montour county, and comes of Revolutionary stock on both paternal and maternal sides. He is a son of James Russell and grandson of John Russell, who came from Letterkenny, County Donegal, Ireland, and crossed the ocean to America in the vessel "Congress," the voyage taking eleven weeks. He settled in Chester county, Pa. His wife, Ann (Saybury), was a native of Scotland. Like many Scotch-Irish families, the Russells have for the most part been associated with the Presbyterian Church.

James Russell, father of William M. C. Russell, was born Sept. 17, 1804, at Derry Church, in Derry township, Montour Co., Pa., and died July 25, 1882, in Point township, Northumberland Co., Pa. He followed farming all his life, and also teamed to Philadelphia and Harrisburg, hauling freight. He settled in Northumberland county, across the river from Lewisburg, and there remained until his death. He was a well known Mason in his day, holding membership in the lodge at Lewisburg, and was honored with the office of master in that body. His wife, Jane McWilliams, born June 21, 1813, was a daughter of Robert and Jane (Curry) McWilliams, and granddaughter of Robert Curry, one of the earliest settlers of this part of Pennsylvania. He was born in the North of Ireland June 9, 1741, and educated in the schools of his native country, where his father was a well-to-do linen manufacturer. He came to America in 1772, settling on Mahoning creek, in what is now Valley township, Montour Co., Pa., and there followed farming. He was a Presbyterian in religious belief, served as a trustee of his church, and was one of the first to give his money and influence towards the propagation of the gospel in these parts. He was killed and scalped by the Indians June 9, 1780. He and his wife were captured by the Indians and taken about a mile below Red Point, near where No. 5

schoolhouse stands, and he was shot through the legs and knees, and because he could not walk was brained with clubs. His wife was carried across the mountains, and during the night, to prevent her escape, she was placed between two Indians, who laid on her skirt. However, she had a pair of shears hidden in her skirt, and she cut herself free and returned to the fort. Finding her husband, she took him up the river in a canoe, and soldiers from the fort walked along the bank to protect her. She buried him in the old Grove cemetery, but his body was later transferred to Fairview cemetery. Mr. Curry had married Jane McWilliams in Belfast, Ireland, and four children were born to them: James, who was born in Ireland and settled in Ohio; Robert, who settled on the north branch of the Susquehanna river; William, who settled on the home place in Valley township, Montour county (he married Jane Moore and they were the parents of Hon. James Curry, associate judge of the county); and Jane, the first white child born between the north and west branches of the Susquehanna river, who married Robert McWilliams. The sons were well-to-do farmers, noted for their honesty and integrity. To James and Jane (McWilliams) Russell were born eight children, of whom three survive: John, born March 30, 1835, died in November, 1906; Mary Jane, born Dec. 27, 1837, died in October, 1907; Robert McWilliams was born Jan. 20, 1840; Samuel, born April 21, 1842, died Oct. 22, 1898; Margaret, born Dec. 7, 1844, died July 11, 1900; William McCard is mentioned below; Hugh, born Oct. 11, 1852, lives at Shamokin, Pa.; Robert C., born July 26, 1856, lives at Northumberland, Northumberland county. The mother of this family died Dec. 2, 1888.

William M. C. Russell was born April 21, 1847, in Northumberland county, Pa., across the river from Lewisburg, and there lived with his parents to the age of thirty-four years. After his school days were over he engaged in farm work, in connection with which he also followed threshing for eight years. Coming to the vicinity of Danville in 1901, he was engaged in truck farming for some time, and later followed the same line at West Branch, Northumberland Co., Pa. Subsequently he bought what is known as the old "Half Way House," at one time a well known hotel, the homestead of his parents, at Cameron station, in Northumberland county. During the days when business was active along the canal Mr. Russell kept store at Cameron station, and was also postmaster at that point, the office

being known as Chulasky. In 1901 he came to Danville, where he has since made his home. For several years he was employed at the Structural Tube Works as fireman, and is now acting as watchman at the plant. He is regarded as a substantial citizen of the borough, held in high respect by all who know him.

Mr. Russell married Emma Specht, who was born Oct. 17, 1854, in Union county, Pa., daughter of Michael and Louisa (Farnsworth) Specht and granddaughter of Adam Specht, who came from New Jersey and who was a Revolutionary soldier. Louisa Farnsworth's mother was a Clark, daughter of William and Nancy Clark.

Mrs. Russell died Nov. 26, 1912. She was the mother of three children, namely: Nellie, graduate of the Danville State Hospital, is now the wife of J. C. Fought, of Unityville, Pa., and has four children; Carrie graduated from the Danville Hospital, as nurse, in 1904, but for some time kept house for her father, until her marriage, Feb. 5, 1914, to Ralph K. Leffler, of Millersburg, Pa., now engaged as a street railway conductor in Brooklyn, N. Y., where they reside, at No. 485 Seventeenth street (she is a member of the Pine Street Lutheran Church); Margaret, a graduate of the Danville high school and a graduate nurse, was formerly engaged as private secretary to the supervisor of the State Hospital at Norristown, Pa., but is now keeping house for her father.

E. D. PENTZ, merchant tailor, Danville, Montour county, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM HARRISON HAUCK, who has been engaging in educational work very successfully, was born Aug. 7, 1893, son of Wesley Oliver Hauck, grandson of William Harrison Hauck and great-grandson of Joachim Hauck, who were among the substantial German citizens of Columbia county.

Joachim Hauck was a farmer and lumberman of Beaver township, Columbia Co., Pa., and during most of his life was engaged in cutting timber on Buck mountain. He was a Democrat in politics and an adherent of the Lutheran Church. His wife was Lucinda Troy, a native of Beaver township.

William Harrison Hauck, son of Joachim, was born in September, 1844, in Beaver township, and followed the occupations of lumberman and miller. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and a Democrat. He married Harriet Fleming, who was born in 1845, and whose parents, George and Mary (Crohl)

Fleming, were farming people; he was born in 1803 and died in 1885; she was born in 1809, and died in 1882. To Mr. and Mrs. Hauck were born eight children: Wesley Oliver; Mary, wife of Joseph Levan; Wellington, who married Grace Martine; George, who married Mary Love; Clara, wife of Miles Fisher; Ella, unmarried; Minerva, wife of William Kruck; and William, who died unmarried at the age of twenty-three.

Wesley Oliver Hauck was born July 26, 1869, in Beaver township. He was a lumberman, miller and farmer, and like his father a Democrat in politics. He attended the Methodist Church. He married Jane Longenberger, who was born July 26, 1857, daughter of John Longenberger, and they have had three children: William Harrison; Hattie May, born Nov. 26, 1896; and Florence Mildred, born March 9, 1899.

John Longenberger, grandfather of Mrs. Wesley O. Hauck, was born in 1810 and died in 1898. He was married three times, first to Nancy Yetter, born in 1822, who died in 1852, and third to Mrs. Liebey. We have the following record of his children: By the first marriage: William Oliver, Miles, Elmer, Francis, Mary, Jane and Alfred. By the sec-

ond: Nancy and Ida. By the third: Jeremiah, who married Ida Johnson; Cora; Pierce; and Daniel, who married Mary Ertwin. Mr. Longenberger was a farmer, a Democrat, and a member of the Lutheran Church.

John Longenberger, father of Mrs. W. O. Hauck, was born in 1853. He was a farmer and railroader. He adhered to the principles of the Democratic party, and was elected to the offices of school director and road supervisor. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He married Harriet Fisher, born in 1857, and among their children were: John; William; Tirma; Fanny, wife of Joseph E. Drew; Nora, wife of Perry Haycock; Annie, wife of Andrew Mahlor; Samuel, who married Minna Defrain; and Jane, wife of Wesley O. Hauck. Some of the family are deceased.

Samuel Fisher, Mrs. Longenberger's father, was born in 1815, and died in 1873. By occupation he was a stonemason and farmer. In politics he was a Democrat, in religion a Lutheran. His wife, Mary (Kellar), born in 1824, lived to the age of forty-seven years. They had children as follows: William, Susan (Mrs. S. Henderlighter), Frank, George, Samuel, Peter and Harriet (Mrs. Longenberger).

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